

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

March 23, 2022

AMIM-MLH-F

William F. Marshall
Judicial Watch, Inc.
bmarshall@judicialwatch.org

Dear William F. Marshall,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that this agency has completed processing and taken final action on your electronic mail for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 13 July 2021, seeking copies and/or records:

1. Any and all emails sent between LTG Darryl A. Williams and any other email recipients with accounts ending in .mil and/or .edu that reference "Critical Race Theory" (or "CRT" when used to represent Critical Race Theory).
2. Any and all emails sent between BG Mark C. Quander and any other email recipients with accounts ending in .mil and/or .edu that reference "Critical Race Theory" (or "CRT" when used to represent Critical Race Theory).
3. Any and all emails sent between CSM Michael J. Coffey and any other email recipients with accounts ending in .mil and/or .edu that reference "Critical Race Theory" (or "CRT" when used to represent Critical Race Theory).
4. All PowerPoint presentations used in any USMA class of instruction since January 2021 referencing "Critical Race Theory" (or "CRT" when used to represent Critical Race Theory.)

The time frame for the above requested records is January 1, 2021 to the present.

In accordance with the Army Regulations 25-55, The Army Freedom of Information Act Program, this is to notify you that a discretionary release of information has been granted and all responsive records to your request are attached to the email. Please confirm receipt of the aforementioned records.

Your request referenced by FOIA Control Number **FP- 21-02267** is closed. There are no applicable fees. If you have any questions you may write directly, email usarmy.westpoint.id-training.mbx.foia-pa@mail.mil, call the FOIA Coordinator at (845) 938-7313.

Sincerely,

James J. Bradbury
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer
US Army Garrison-West Point

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: Awareness // MG(Ret) Pittard on CNN tonight
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:27:47 PM
Attachments: IMG_0338.JPG

Team,

MG(Ret) Dana Pittard will be discussing the CJCS's comments on CRT tonight with Don Lemon.

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COMM



From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: BoD Today
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 12:09:01 PM
Attachments: (b) (5)

Sir,

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(b) (6) will not be available. He is on leave.

I have a few admin things to discuss for SA:

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Lesson 14:

Barbershop and Du Bo

BY: (b) (6)



Discussant Plan

- Barbershop Summary
- Review of last lesson
- Du Bois application to the movie
- Du Bois application to today's society
- What would Du Bois think of the movie?



Barbershop Summary

- Several days in the lives of the members of a south side Chicago barbershop
- Owner, Calvin Palmer, is experiencing money troubles and is tired of living in “the struggle”
 - Makes deal with Mr. Wallace in exchange for his barbershop
- JD and Billy steal an ATM with Ricky’s truck
- Terry experiences problems with her ain’t sh*t man
 - Dinka has crush on Terry and tries to express it to her
- Entire movie, the Barbershop maintains the idea of a stereotypical black barbershop
- Calvin later approaches Mr. Wallace to get his shop back and give back money
- Ricky gets arrested, but is bailed out and acquitted with Calvin’s help
 - JD and Billy along with Mr. Wallace are arrested
- Calvin gets \$50,000 reward for turning in ATM to corner-store man
 - Maintains and upgrades shop and remains in the south side of Chicago

Thoughts???



W.E.B. Du Bois/Sociology of Race Rev

- William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, 1868-1963
- Trained/studied as a black sociologist at Harvard, a pioneer in Black sociology
- Founder and member of the NAACP
- Led the black sociology movement in the United States
- Racial Inequality, Slavery, Black Culture and, Race and Class



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Whiteness

In order to understand racial inequality and slavery, it is first necessary to address whiteness

- “White people and people of color live racially different structured lives”- Frankenberg
- 1) Is a location of structural advantage, of race privilege.
- 2) A standpoint or place from which white people look at themselves and the rest of society
- 3) Refers to a set of cultural practices that are usually unmarked and unnamed

Take-for-grantedness of whiteness

- Privilege lives within this



Slavery

Racial inequality carries a symbolic and emotional burden

Slavery is one of the most extreme forms of the relation of dominance

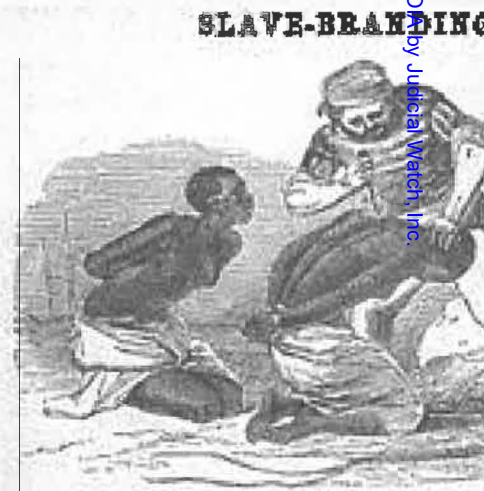
- Complete power by the slave owner and complete powerlessness by the slave

Slavery remains the epicenter of the intertwining of history, economics, and culture in the modern world

Slaves were denied ties to family, friends, and cultural ancestry

- Slavery produces an alienated consciousness in blacks

Creates an alienated consciousness within blacks



The Veil and Double Consciousness

The veil: describes the separation between blacks and whites

- Not of a wall but a thin mesh like material where each race can see the other

Veil describes “physical barriers” where double consciousness describes the social psychological consequences of the veil

Double Consciousness: feeling that a black person has of being split in two, of having two of self-consciousness

- Feeling of being split in two creating confusion and great tension

“This double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one’s self through the eyes of other measuring one’s soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity”

“Two warring ideals in one dark body”

Racial and Social Inequality

- Abuse of power creating an institutionalized system that continuously oppresses those at the top of the “racial pyramid”
- The legal emancipation of slaves did not ensure their economic and social emancipation
 - Led to economic and political enslavement

DuBois, much like Marx, believed that capitalism exploited those at the bottom (the Black communities in America)

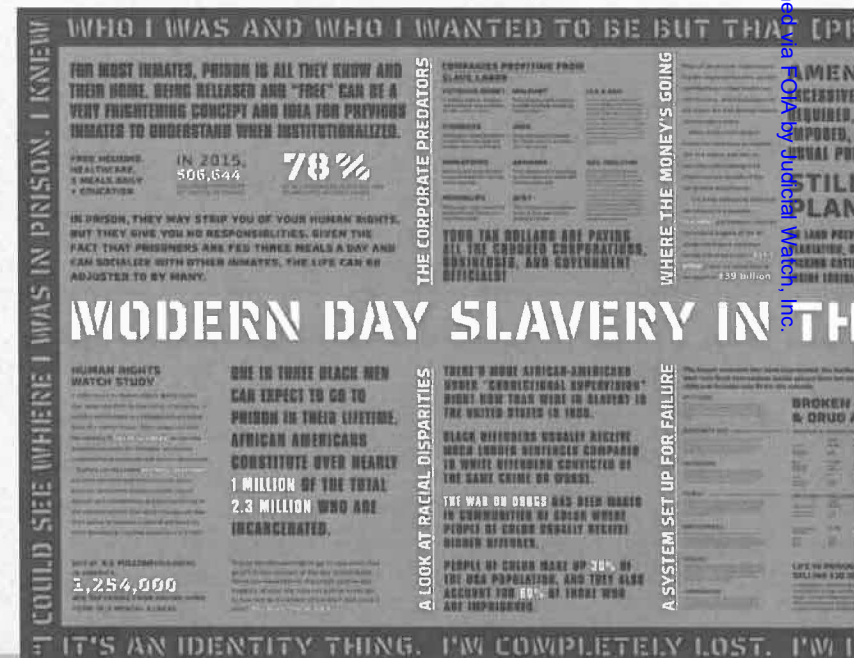
By the Numbers

Blacks are less likely than whites to:

- Have a college education
- Receive recommended medical screening tests
- Receive bank approval for a housing mortgage
- Own their own homes
- Receive a job promotion

Blacks are more likely than whites to:

- Live below the poverty line
- Be victims of homicide (6:1)
- Be incarcerated (8:1)



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Critical Race Theory

Racialism: an approach to race that upholds that there are distinct races with unique de features

- Differences are found in cultural, spiritual, psychic, and intellectual forms

CRT: argues that racism is not simply individual prejudice and a lack of education/exper

- Assumes that race is a social construct
- Emphasizes the importance of the perspectives and experiences of racial minorities

Grows out of the field of law and studies the way that racism is built into and reproduce the institutions that organize everyday life



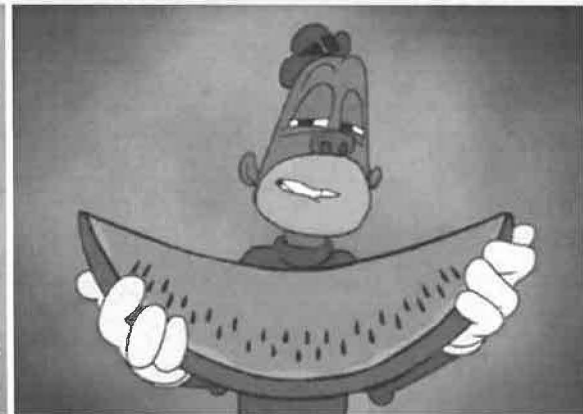
What would W.E.B. Du Bois think of Barbershop

In his time white people portrayed all blacks as lazy, backward, and ignorant

- Much like Jay-Z's caricatures in his *The Story of O.J.* music video

Ice Cube allows black people to be portrayed by black people showing a different perspective what it is to be black

"We are seriously crippling Negro literature by refusing to contemplate any but handsome heroes, unblemished and flawless defenders..."



Final Questions and Comments?

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Congressman Waltz Letter and Fox News Article
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:26:51 AM
Attachments: 2021-6-9- Waltz to Williams CRT.pdf

Following up on discussion from yesterday's BoD huddle. Article below from Fox News from last night. The congressman sent the Supe's response to the media. The interview imbedded in the article is from April.

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BGs Quander and Reeves,

You will likely get some advice from graduates on this subject. I will give AoG a heads up on this as well.

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From: (b) (6)
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Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Critical Race Theory White Paper and Talking Points
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 3:43:03 PM
Attachments: (b) (5)

Team,

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From:

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Subject:

CRT: Immediate Response

Date:

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 4:50:06 PM

Attachments:

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Madam Secretary, Chief,

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Darryl

Go Army!

From: (b) (6)
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: DAS E-mail and CRT Information Documents
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 8:32:30 PM
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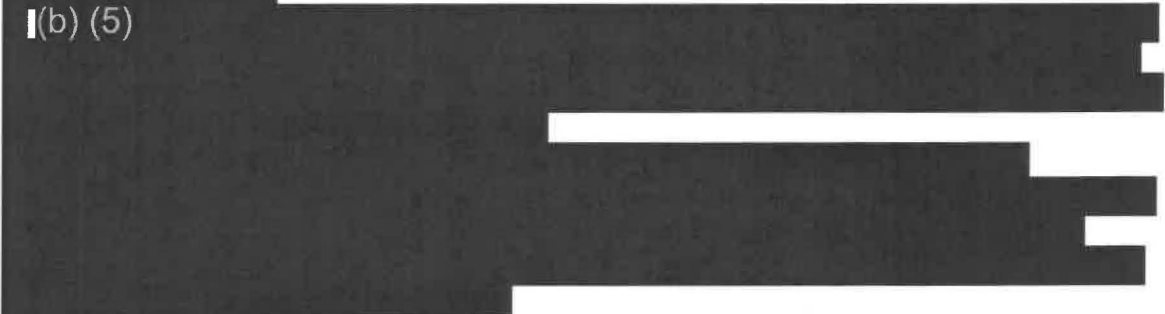
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We stand ready to provide additional details as necessary.

Go Army!

Darryl

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The U.S. Constitution is at the Forefront of West Point's Curriculum

- All cadets are required to take Constitutional Law, a semester-long course which includes several lessons on the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause (no person shall be denied "equal protection of the laws").
- All cadets are required to take American Politics, a semester-long course which focuses on the best role for the military officer in service of the Constitution and Nation.
- All cadets take an oath to the Constitution on 3 occasions: Reception Day, Affirmation Day, and Graduation Day.

Familiarizing Cadets with Difficult Topics Helps Them Lead More Effectively

- Regardless of personal views, future leaders need to understand arguments on controversial issues and need to be prepared to thoughtfully answer questions when Soldiers ask about topics in the news, such as Critical Race Theory (CRT).
 - Both CRT and criticisms of it as a theory comprise two lessons in one Social Sciences elective (non-core) course.
- Debated topics (e.g. controversial Supreme Court decisions, communism, radicalization) are often discussed in the classroom. These discussions are respectful of cadet opinions and foster a deeper understanding of current issues; the ability to engage in such discussion often results in tremendous personal and intellectual growth for cadets.

Cadets Develop Essential Discernment Skills by Participating in Challenging Classroom Discussions

- The ability to compete on the modern battlefield requires quick and thoughtful analysis of complex problems.

West Point Leadership Emphasizes Professionalism in Teaching While Also Preserving the Fundamental Tenet of Academic Freedom for Its Faculty Members

- As an institution of higher education, West Point is dedicated to the freedoms in teaching (faculty) and learning (cadets), consistent with both the aims of the Academy and the values of the Nation.
 - The Superintendent and Dean are leading meaningful discussions amongst the faculty to ensure the classroom remains a free marketplace of ideas, with a particular focus on teaching cadets *how* to think as opposed to *what* to think.

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: "Incoming"
Date: Friday, May 28, 2021 1:16:00 PM

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: "Incoming"

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To: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Congressman Waltz Letter and Fox News Article
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:47:00 AM
Attachments: 2021-6-9- Waltz to Williams CRT.pdf

(b) (6) – FYSA.

Mark

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:26 AM
To: Quander, Mark BG <(b) (6)> Reeves, Shane R BG
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From: (b) (6)
To: Quander, Mark BG; (b) (6); (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 5:02:31 PM
Attachments: 2021-6-9- Waltz to Williams CRT.pdf

FYI.

Vr,

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 4:16 PM

To: 'Williams, Darryl A LTG' (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

Sir,

Rep Waltz's office sent this to (b) (6) this morning.

We'd like to stay on teams and discuss with you after the vaccine email discussion with the BOD.

Summary:

- he wants full curriculum/presentations
- wants to know why (b) (6) was invited & vetting process
- rails against CRT
- implores you (military) to be blind to race rather than focused on it
- makes you aware of pending legislation he authored to remove CRT

Vr,

(b) (6)

From:

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:05 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

Sir,

Response from Rep Waltz reference the response we sent a little while back to his original letter.

Very Respectfully,

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:44 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:50 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

Sir,

Thank you for the letter. We have received it and I have shared it with LTG Williams.

Very Respectfully,

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:22 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

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(b) (6) please see the attached letter from Congressman Michael Waltz to Superintendent Williams. Our aim is for you to please provide the letter to Lt Gen Williams.

Thank you.

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Supt Email Responses to Honor Update
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:51:00 PM
Attachments: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Supt Email Responses to Honor Update

Sir, I read through all of these comments. Large majority are positive. Some...well I don't think we will ever change their mind.

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 4:30 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Supt Email Responses to Honor Update

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(b) (6) – Here are the first day replies to the SUPT Letter. As mentioned most are positive. A lot comments on Critical Race Theory

Again, your work on the WSJ article was masterful.

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 6:42 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: paoinformation@westpoint.edu;

Subject: Supt Email Responses to Honor Update

I have compiled the first batch of responses from the Superintendents Honor Update email that was sent today. I think that the majority of them are positive.

Have a good weekend.

Respectfully,

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: CRT: Immediate Response
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 7:51:35 PM
Attachments: (b) (5)

From: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 19:49
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: CRT: Immediate Response

From: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 16:50
To: (b) (6) McConville, James C GEN USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)
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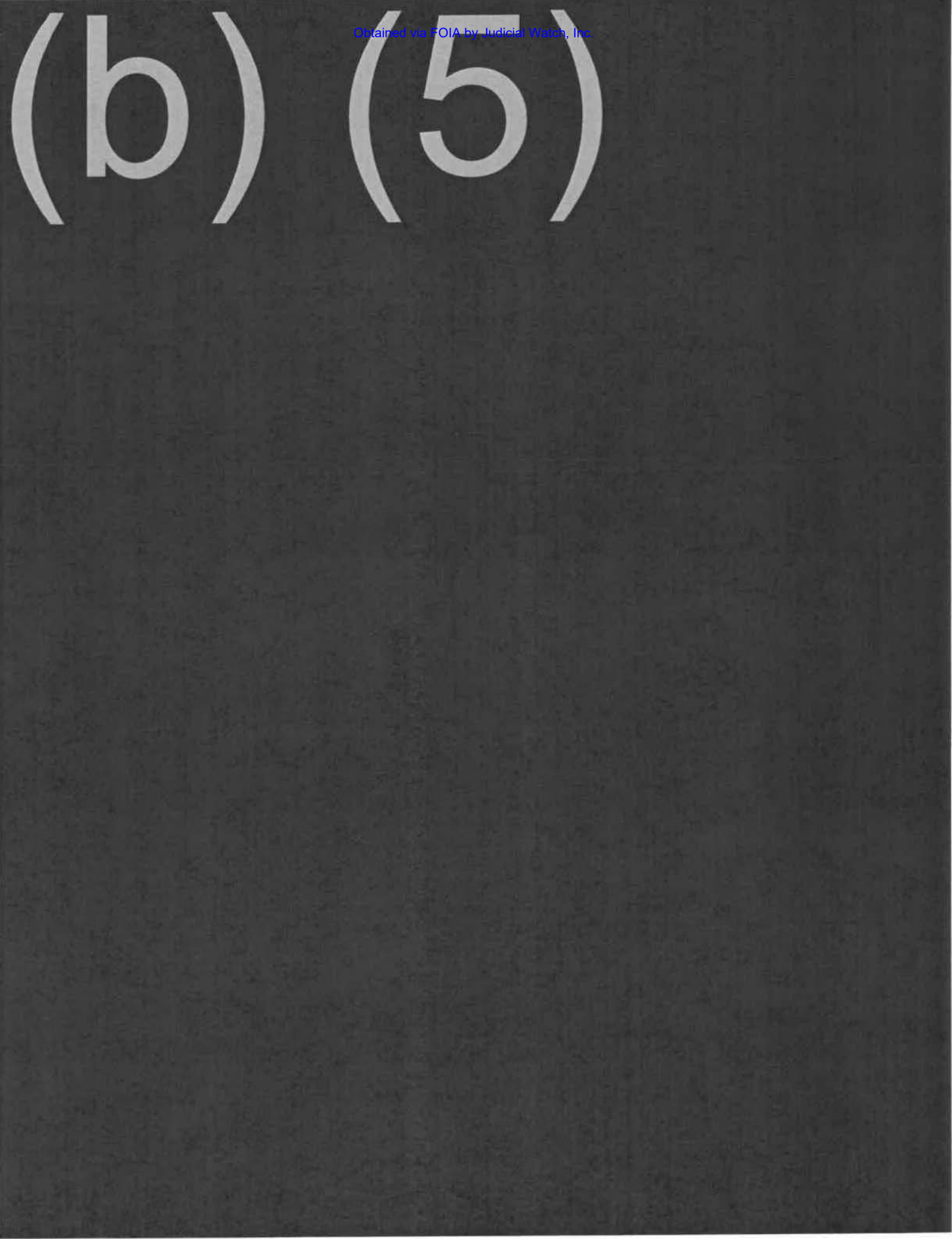
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From: (b) (6)
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To: Williams, Darryl A LTG <(b) (6)>
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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Testimony
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 2:54:03 PM

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 14:35
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Subject: Testimony

Sir,

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After we spoke, the Chairman went on a two-minute defense of USMA and teaching about CRT.

Link: [20210623 Full Committee Hearing: "The FY22 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from DOD" - YouTube](#)

Key moments related to CRT

- 2:18:40 – REP Gaetz questions SECDEF on CRT.
- 2:41:05 – REP Waltz questions SECDEF on CRT taught at West Point
- 2:46:15 – REP Houlihan yields time to CJCS. CJCS defends USMA's ability to teach CRT and the importance of understanding "White Rage" and what led American citizens to storm the US Capital.

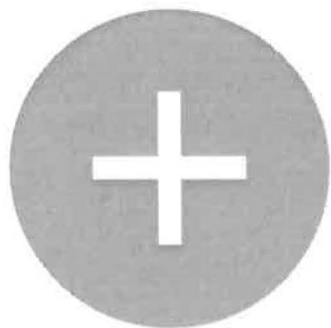
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Education and Work Inequality

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Agenda



RULES FOR THE
EXERCISE (BONUS
POINTS?!?!?!?)



REACTIONS TO
THE READINGS



APPLICATIONS

The University of (b) (6)

- Distinguished Graduates: (b) (6)
- World Class Instructors, Access to our Prestigious Alumni network ,nc
drink limit at on campus bars.
- If you graduate from here, you will be offered a job at (b) (6) Inc.
 - Starting Salary: Full Participation Points for the semester and a bonus point for every time you speak.
- All you must do to get in is be one of the top five participants in today' class.

Chapter 34

- "Such groups may be expected to acquiesce in the expectation that they "become American as possible"
 - How does School act as primary agent for transformation?
- What are some of the institutional challenges faced in the LA school systems?
 - What issues does this highlight about the system?
- What is educational sovereignty?
 - How does it relate to CRT?

Well That Culture Really Values Education

- "Go into any inner-city neighborhood, and folks will tell you that government alone can't teach kids to learn...Children can't achieve unless we raise their expectations and...eradicate the slander that says a Black youth with a book is acting White" - President Barack Obama
 - What is the issue with the cultural argument?
 - What Role did History and Structure play in education inequality?

Conundrums of Integration

- What is the difference between desegregation and integration?
 - How would you apply a tenet of CRT to this?
- "While we are treating institutional and individual dynamics as distinct in practice they often intersect."
- What issues both academic and nonacademic are created by tracking systems in schools?
 - What are potential solutions to these issues?

Thoughts for the Road

- How has the Covid-19 Pandemic promoted the already existing disparities in education?
- Growing up, was your school desegregated, integrated, or neither?
- Where does West Point fall short?



Workplace Biases Chapter 37

African Americans (AA) vs. White Americans

"Race and
the Invisible
Hand"
How White
Networks
Exclude
Black Men
from Blue-
Collar Jobs

- African American sociologist William J. Wilson believed that the idea of racial divide it was diminishing. (Post Civil War)
 - Some research supports pieces of his claim (black middle class)
- What would CRT say to Wilson's optimistic view of this diminishing racial divide?
- "Who You Know" vs. "What You Know"
 - Unqualified white Americans are more likely to get jobs regardless of skill set and background simply because of who they know.
- What can we do to close the divide?

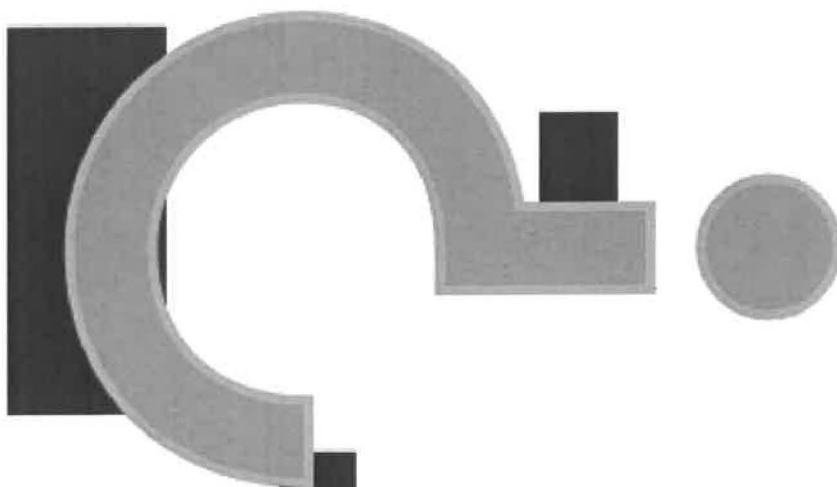
Affirmative Action

“a collection of policies that are designed to promote equal employment opportunities for women and racial minorities and to fight institutional racism in the economic sphere”

- **Meritocracy**: the belief that opportunities and rewards are distributed according to effort and ability?
- What do you all know about Affirmative Action?
- Do you think Affirmative Action creates an environment for “reverse discrimination?” Use CRT to support your answer

Economic Inequality and the Role of the State

- Income vs. Wealth
- 2010: Blacks = 62% of white income / 1% of white income
 - Post-2008 economic recessions have seen a decline in gains.
- Most significant economic inequality factor is the wealth gap.
 - Why do you all think the racial wealth gap is so large?
 - Why do Asians have a smaller racial wealth gap than Latinos?



Questions??

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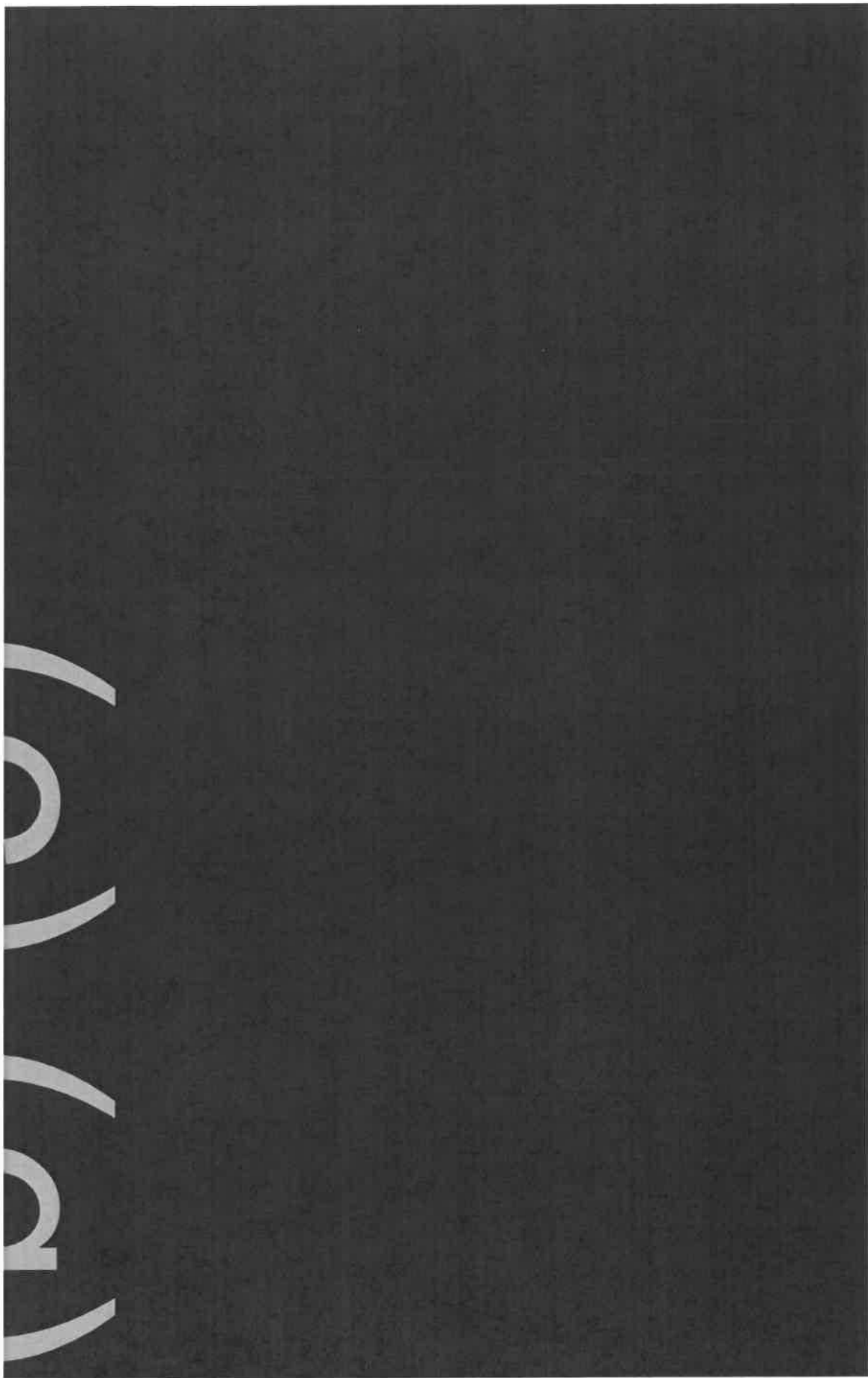
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Policy Memo Group 1

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Diversity

Our definition: the practice of including people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations in order to build the most cohesive and lethal teams.



Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action The Military

- **The EO program**

- The Army's Equal Opportunity (EO) program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential, to ensure fair treatment for military personnel, family members and civilians without regard to race, color, gender, religion, disability or national origin.
- The Army EO program enhances Department personnel's ability to work effectively as a team, with respect for self and others and reinforces good discipline, the Army values, professional behavior and readiness. To ensure this, the Army:
 - (1) Provides annual training classes and materials to all personnel and refresher training as needed
 - (2) Established EO training for units and professional military education courses consistent with Headquarters, the Army policy and command needs
 - (3) Ensures that all Equal Opportunity Advisors and Representatives are trained and deployable to support a unit
 - (4) Established and maintains its own EO/ Sexual Harassment Assistance hotline number 1-800-267-9964
 - (5) Continues to take the appropriate actions when relative DA/DOD policies are violated
 - (6) Conducts regular Department-level assessment and evaluation of the program

- **Pros?**

- **Most Integrated institution in the government and society at large, trust exists between racial groups, commander's prosecute, retrain**

Affirmative Action

- Recruitment
- Service Academy, Officer recruitment

Cons: Tokenism

- Defined as anything less than 15% of a social group with no hierarchical reach
 - 1) Tokens are highly visible and under higher performance pressure. They have to work harder for recognition and financial success.
 - (2) Tokens become informally isolated when dominants contrast group differences and heighten cultural boundaries. They are excluded from valuable mentoring and social opportunities;
 - (3) Tokens assimilate by conforming to roles and stereotypes assigned to them. They then suffer role encapsulation that limits their growth opportunities when stereotypes of the underrepresented group are disparate from professional expectations
- As a result, minorities leave at high rates
- Cyclical process of no underrepresented leadership -> no one stays

Importance:

- Bring in new ideas
- Strengthen unit cohesion
- Increase participation
- Manifest acceptance and trust
- Best people in the right job

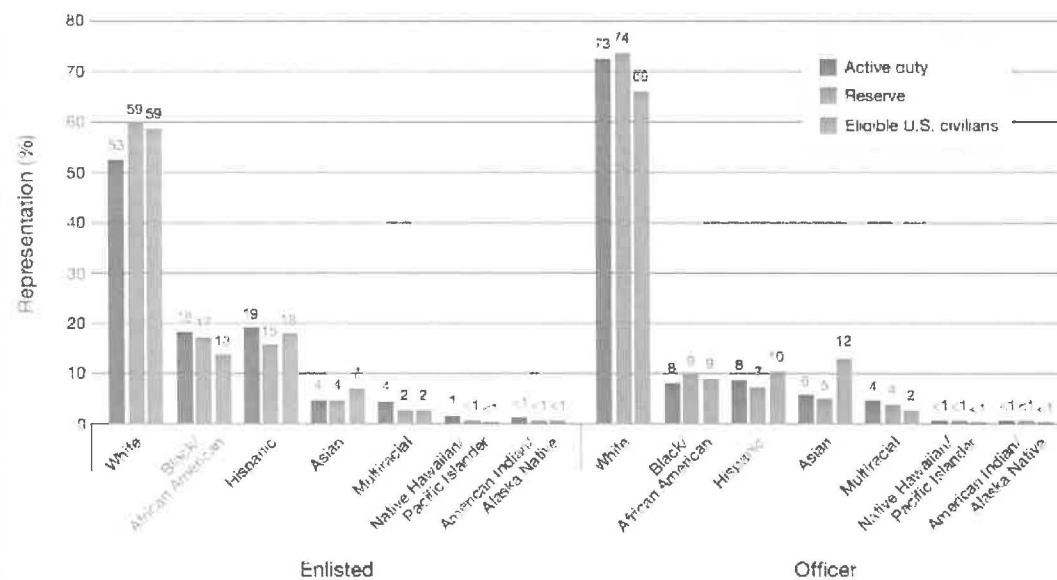
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Barriers to minorities from advancing in the military

- On average, Black American officers were likely to be promoted through O-4 at rates equal to or greater than White counterparts, but were less likely to be promoted and retained through O-6
- Women make up about 16% of the total women force, with a total that have been promoted to 4-star flag officers
- 60% of army recruits come from military families, and 50% of soldiers come from just 10% of the nation's high schools
- Many reports have found an absence of overt racism in the military, as well as blatant sexist comments, however the prevalence of forms of discrimination are still present throughout the military

Current Racial and Ethnic Representation in the

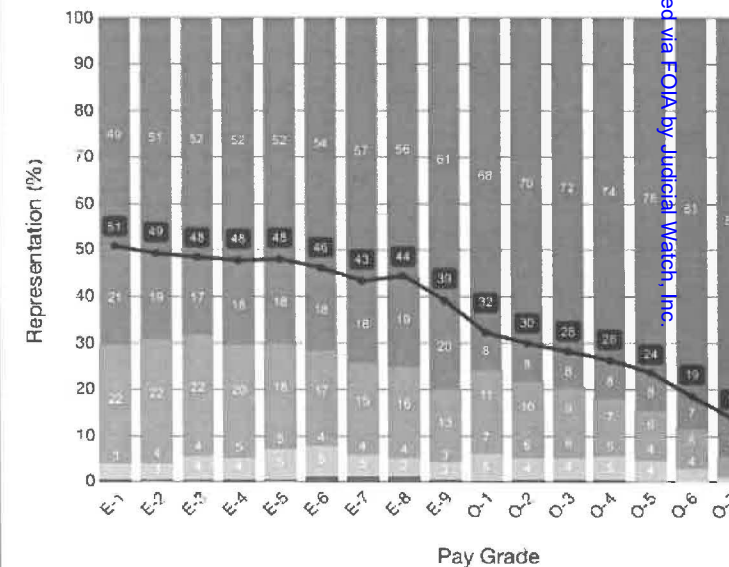
Figure 2. Racial and Ethnic Representation of Active and Reserve Component Enlisted and Officer Personnel Compared with Eligible U.S. Civilians



SOURCE: DMDC, undated (2020 data); U.S. Census Bureau, 2018, 5-year estimates.

NOTE: The eligible enlisted U.S. population includes civilians ages 17-44 with at least a high school diploma, GED certificate, or equivalent; the eligible officer U.S. population includes civilians ages 19-44 with at least a bachelor's degree.

Figure 3. Racial and Ethnic Representation of Active Component Enlisted Personnel, by Pay Grade, 2020



SOURCE: DMDC, undated (2020 data).

Obtained via FOIA by Judicial Watch, Inc.

How to eliminate these barriers

Absolute commitment to nondiscrimination in the military

Increase the pool of qualified ROTC enrollment and commissioning through sponsoring of programs at Minority Institutions (MSI)

Updating policies and giving incentives to retain women in their army career having children

SHARP and the Militar

Sexual Harassment in the Military

Military Service Gender Relations Focus Groups Overview Report:

- “Participants said SAPR/SHARP trainings are redundant and unengaging and are typically performed by way of PowerPoint or an instructor who lacks expertise in the subject area,” (OPA, 9).
- “Focus group participants noted that unit cohesion and camaraderie at OCONUS installations are much higher than in their CONUS posts,” (OPA, 10).
- “The 2018 WGRA found that most Service members (70% of men, 77% of women) who witnessed inappropriate behavior in the last year intervened either during or after the event,” (OPA, 94).
- “Other participants shared positive training experiences in which presenters and/or commanders set up picnics or movie nights to create an engaging environment for conversation and morale building,” (OPA, 99).

Sexual Assault: 2019 Fiscal Rep

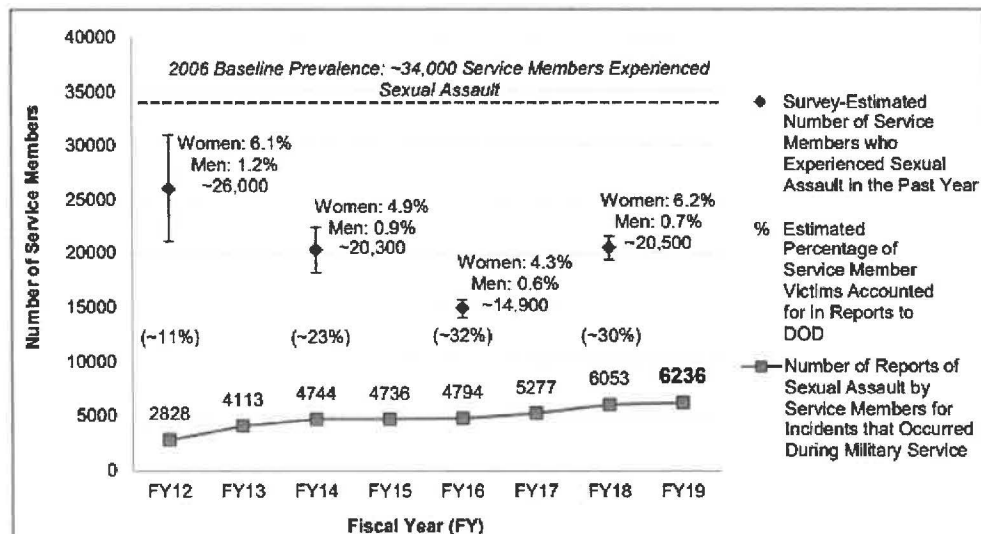


Exhibit 1. Active Duty Estimated Biennial Prevalence Compared to Annual Reporting of Sexual Assault

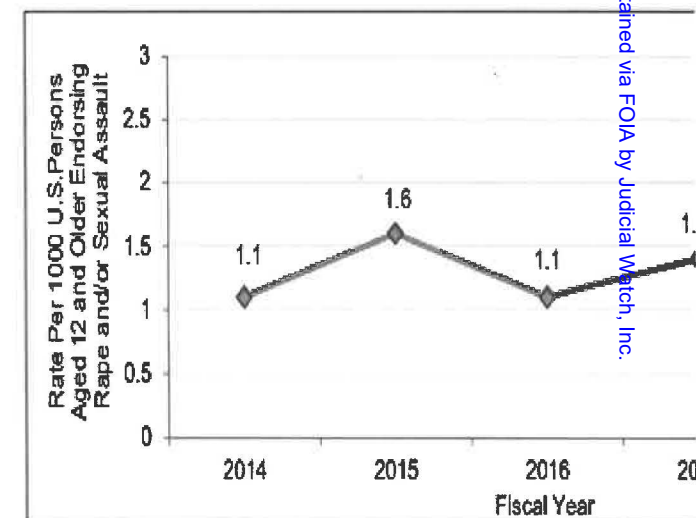


Exhibit 3. Rape or Sexual Assault Victimization Rate Per 1000 U.S.

Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Jurisdiction

- “Over a decade or more we have tried different approaches to limiting sexual assault, sexual harassment and also retaliation, and we haven’t seen the progress that we hoped,” Senator Jack Reed
- “Advocacy groups and several congressional Democrats have pushed for the move for years, arguing that military commanders are inclined to overlook accusations of sexual misconduct in favor of keeping personnel in place,” (Shane III).
- “I think over the last few years, the Navy’s taken a bit toward sexual assault prevention,” a male senior enlisted sailor told a focus group. “And it’s every time you turn around, we’re having to do some type of All Hands C-to-face trainings. They do SAPR Awareness months, while it may not be 100-percent effective, I think the that they are putting into it, and the amount of time, and training I think they’re pushing it as hard as they can.”
- “Military leaders have strongly objected to the idea, so would upend the current chain of command and remove responsibility of addressing the issue from unit leaders (Shane III).

SHARP Memo Recommendations

- **Recommendation 1: Implement Value Ethics Training Education for O6's.**

Military Departments will add education for promotable O6's on value ethics training methods. Train on teaching the why behind ethical behavior in the military, rather than focusing on ensuring the force to the Military's ethic. Furthermore, candidates will undergo training sessions focused on identifying conscious biases the leaders may possess without their knowledge.

- **Recommendation 2: Develop and Publish integration of SHARP Training into Unit Cohesion Events.**

To create a more engaging training program and to inculcate a culture which stands for dignity and respect, Military Departments will provide guidance to units on their expectation of incorporating SHARP training into Unit Activities in an engaging manner.

- **Recommendation 3: Data Driven Sensing.**

Military Departments will provide a plan as to how they will increase awareness for the CATCH Program. Along with increasing awareness, military units will provide a plan to counter harmful misconceptions on how the CATCH Program works.

Critical Race Theory and Policy

- Critical Race Theory:
 - Racism is ordinary
 - Race is socially constructed
 - White Americans have primarily benefited from civil rights legislation
 - Interest Convergence
 - Storytelling and counter story telling

- Policy Critique
 - Nondiscrimination
 - Implementation Ethics training
 - Increase social programs Serving Individuals

Radical Cultural Feminism and Policy

Radical Cultural Feminism

- Belief in an inherent divide between females and males.
- Desire to create Matriarchy.
- Increased importance on “feminine” qualities.

Policy Critiques

- Place an importance on the devices used to perpetuate existence of a patriarchy.
- Must dismantle female ban from Combat Arms because high military leaders traditional from the Combat Arms branch.
- Benefits for women to stay military post childbirth.

Queer Theory and Policy

- Queer Theory:
 - Heterosexuality is the basis for sexual form
 - Queer theory is multidisciplinary
 - Gay and lesbian issues get combined into category when they are not the same
- Policy Critique:
 - Antidiscrimination enforcement

Sources:

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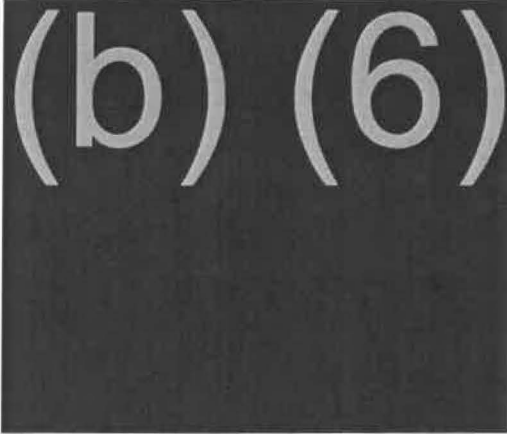
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Subject: Awareness // MG(Ret) Pittard on CNN tonight

Team,

MG(Ret) Dana Pittard will be discussing the CJCS's comments on CRT tonight with Don Lemon.

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From: (b) (6)
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Subject: Re: Combat Vet, West Point Alum Congressman Wants to Ban Race Theory Training at Military Academies
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I am sure you have seen this article. It appears that there is groundswell of concern in this area.

Hopefully, we can discuss this when the Board of Visitors next meets.

Thanks and BEAT NAVY!

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CONTROVERSY

Combat vet, West Point alum congressman wants to ban race theory training at military academies

Cadets train at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. (Holzman Moss Bottino Architecture, Wikimedia Commons/Released)

MAY 06, 2021 [RYAN MORGAN](#)

On Wednesday, Rep. Mark Green (R-TN), a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a combat veteran, introduced new legislation to ban critical race theory (CRT) from being taught at

military service academies.

“Critical Race Theory is based on a massive and purposeful misunderstanding of the American founding, American history, and America as it exists today,” Green said in a press statement. “This is a Marxist ideology created to tear American institutions down. It teaches Americans and members of the Armed Services to judge one another by the color of their skin instead of by the ‘content of their character.’ America should never go back to this kind of thinking. A curriculum based on Critical Race Theory seeks to divide Americans instead of unite them.”

Green noted the inclusion of training courses and reading lists that use critical race theory texts, such as Ibram X. Kendi’s “How to be an Antiracist.” Kendi’s book has been included in the U.S. Navy’s official reading list for 2021. Other Republican lawmakers have criticized Kendi’s book for promoting discrimination as a means of correcting for past racial disparities. Kendi has also drawn attention for past comments, saying people of European descent are raised to be aggressive and racist, and that white people are responsible for the AIDS virus and are actually aliens.

Green said, “The United States military service academies are designed to train leaders and warriors for combat—men and women of every race, creed, and religion. Critical Race Theory’s divisiveness will destroy the unit cohesion necessary to win in combat and defend this nation.”

Green’s legislation comes after another military veteran lawmaker Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL) wrote a letter to West Point superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams expressing concerns about cadets being required to attend seminars based on critical race theory. One mandatory event at West Point included a speaker who described white police officers as “murderers.” Another mandatory seminar included presentation slides citing a lecture by Dr. Carol Anderson of Emory University, who said “white rage” is triggered by seeing “black advancement.”

In his letter, Waltz noted another, more politically tinged comment by Anderson, who called President Donald Trump a “white nationalist” and the GOP a party with a platform supporting “white nationalism.”

Republican lawmakers have raised numerous concerns about the military being politicized, and Green is not the only lawmaker to propose such legislation against critical race theory training.

In March, Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) introduced draft legislation, known as the Combatting Racist Training in the Military Act, to prohibit the U.S. military “from promoting racist theories, most notably Critical Race Theory.”

Trump also attempted to stop critical race theory from being taught throughout the government. In September, Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought, at Trump’s direction, ordered the discontinuation of government employee training based on critical race theory. In his first executive order, titled “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government,” President Joe Biden revoked the Trump-era order barring critical race theory training in the federal government.

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Thanks Sir,
appreciate the note. We look forward to seeing you and (b) (6) in the future at West Point.
vr
Darryl

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Subject: Critical Race Theory and West Point

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Dear Darryl,

General Milley's defense of freedom of inquiry in the West Point classroom on the subject of critical race theory was so encouraging I took on a critic who I think traffics in disinformation. We civilians have freedoms, too:

"Opinion: There's nothing to fear in talking about racism
June 27, 2021 at 5:11 p.m. EDT

Dana Milbank reported that Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) claimed at a Senate hearing that the ideology animating the Biden administration is critical race theory, which, Mr. Hawley further claimed, says "the United States is rotten to its core." The next day, in response to criticism, at a House hearing on June 23, of critical race theory being included in classes at the U.S. Military Academy, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, strongly countered, testifying in part: "I personally find it offensive that we are accusing the United States . . . because we're studying some theories."

Although Mr. Hawley was a law clerk to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., he apparently finds it difficult to appreciate the exploratory nature of theory. Though he did not serve his country in uniform, he might take a lesson from Gen. Milley.

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/letters-to-the-editor/theres-nothing-to-fear-in-talking-about-racism/2021/06/27/c747fdca-d46b-11eb-b39f-05a2d776b1f4_story.html

(b) (6) and I have missed the in-person opportunity to attend our lecture series at the Academy, and look forward to its resumption. In the meantime, we hope you and (b) (6) enjoy a most Happy Fourth!

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Thanks Cindy

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To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
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Sir, if you would like to discuss further, please let me know. The team did a great job! v/r, Cindy

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Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Madam Secretary,
thank you very much. We stand ready to support you and the Chief, should you have any further requests for information.

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Darryl

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Best, CEW

Christine E. Wormuth
Secretary of the Army

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Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021 10:10:05 PM

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 10:09:17 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Subject: RE: CSA Note

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From: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 10:02 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: CSA Note

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 9:52:57 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG <(b) (6)>
Subject: CSA Note

Sir,

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: CSA Note
Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021 10:01:50 PM

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 9:52:57 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Subject: CSA Note

Sir,

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: DAS E-mail and CRT Information Documents
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 8:42:08 PM

Thanks (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 8:31:26 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: DAS E-mail and CRT Information Documents

Sir,

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Follow On Conversation
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 6:42:47 AM

Thanks (b) (6),
appreciate your thoughts
W

From: Reeves, Shane R (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:25:05 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Subject: Follow On Conversation

Sir,

I hope you are having a great weekend! I apologize for emailing you on a Saturday and I want to state up front no need to respond. (b) (5)

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Sir, again, no response is needed—just some different thoughts that came out of a great conversation I had with my good friend (b) (6). I hope you enjoy the rest of the weekend and look forward to seeing you on the boat on Tuesday night!

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Immediate Response
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 5:44:32 PM

Thx Darryl

GEN James C. McConville
40th Chief of Staff of the Army

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PEOPLE FIRST! WINNING MATTERS!

From: "Williams, Darryl A LTG" (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 4:59:12 PM
To: "Wormuth, Christine HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA)"
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Cc: "Lowman, Christopher J SES USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA)"
(b) (6) "Martin, Joseph M GEN USARMY HQDA VCSCA
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ASA MRA (USA)" (b) (6) Piatt, Walter E LTG USARMY HQDA
DAS (USA)" (b) (6)
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Subject: CRT: Immediate Response

Madam Secretary, Chief,

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Vr,
Darryl

Go Army!

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Immediate Response
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 7:32:52 PM

Thx- reviewing this evening.
Christine E. Wormuth

From: "Williams, Darryl A LTG" (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 4:59:12 PM
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ASA MRA (b) (6) "Piatt, Walter E LTG USARMY HQDA
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Subject: CRT: Immediate Response

Madam Secretary, Chief,

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Darryl

Go Army!

From: Lewis, Mark R SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 22:10
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Subject: RE: Immediate Response

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Go Army!

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Read Ahead for BOD Off-Site
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 5:04:26 PM
Attachments: (b) (5)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:23 PM

To: Quander, Mark BG (b) (6) Reeves, Shane R BG

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Cc: (b) (6)
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Subject: Read Ahead for BOD Off-Site

Gentlemen,

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From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 4:20:28 PM

Thanks (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 4:15:48 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

Sir,

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:05 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

Sir,

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Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:44 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

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(b) (6) please see a response from Rep Waltz attached. Thank you, (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:50 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

Sir,

Thank you for the letter. We have received it and I have shared it with LTG Williams.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:22 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: Rep Waltz Letter to Lt Gen Williams

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(b) (6) - please see the attached letter from Congressman Michael Waltz to Superintendent Williams. Our aim is for you to please provide the letter to Lt Gen Williams.

Thank you.

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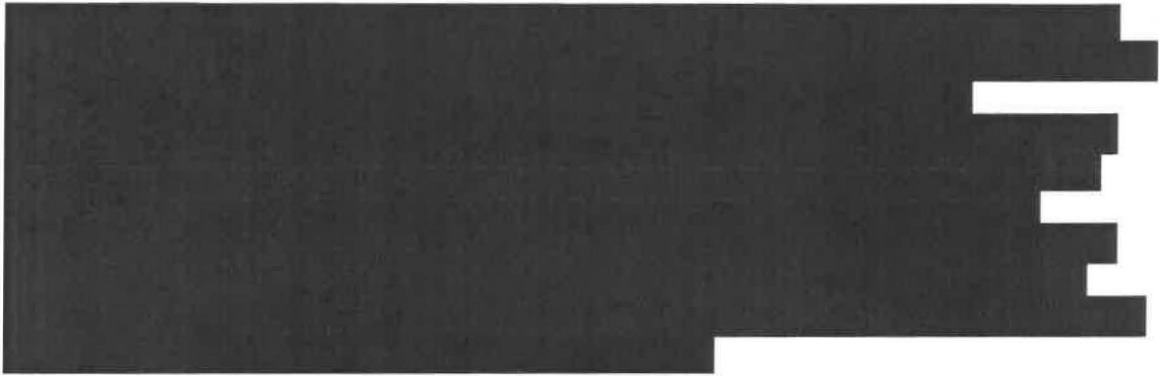

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Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:57:00 PM

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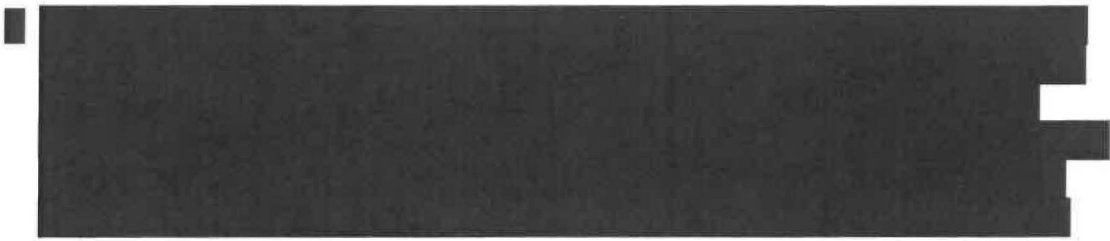

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To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Subject: Rep Waltz Talking Points_CSA

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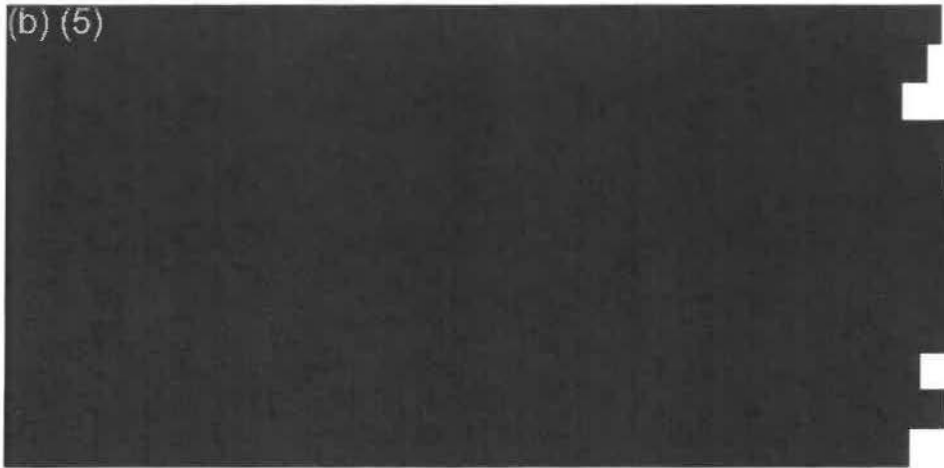
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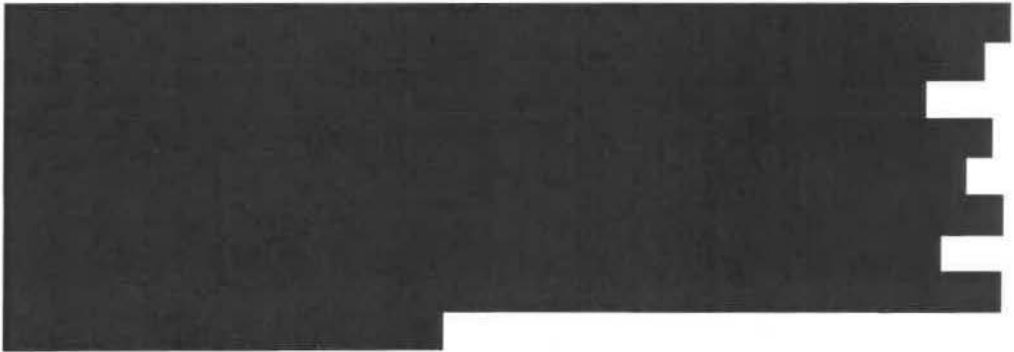
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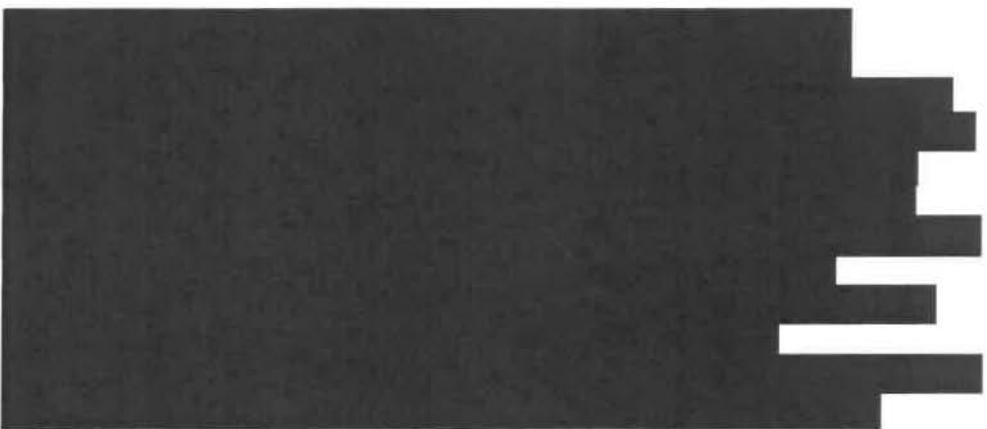
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 12:55:40 PM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: SUPTS Call

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'I Cannot Believe I Just Did That': What Goes on at West Point Cadet Summer Training



Cadet Field Training is a 3- to 4-week program of instruction that emphasizes general military skills, individual preparedness training, preparations for extended field operations and leading, participating in and conducting small-unit tactical operations. (Courtesy U.S. Military Academy)

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Holland Pratt was a trainee during Cadet Summer Training at the [U.S. Military Academy](#) at West Point, New York, the first time that she encountered the Slide for Life.

As she climbed her way toward the start of the ominous-sounding exercise -- in which cadets slide down a zip line before letting go over a lake -- Pratt found herself challenged, intimidated and excited. Once she splashed into the water, another sensation engulfed her: confidence.

Now a rising senior and a commander cadet who is helping lead underclassmen during summer training in 2021, she saw younger cadets take their turn on the Slide for Life. One response stood out.

"The trainee gets out of the water, and they look at me with wide eyes and say, 'I cannot believe I just did that,'" Pratt said.

Summer is not a restful period at [West Point](#). Every class there is involved in some exercises at summer training, beginning with Cadet Basic Training, or CBT, for incoming freshmen from June 26 to Aug. 9 at West Point. Cadet Field Training, or CFT, for rising sophomores started May 21 and will end June 30 at Camp Buckner, about eight miles southwest of West Point.

A cadet's final two summers before graduation normally include Cadet Leader Development Training, which is scheduled for July 8-28 at Camp Buckner; Cadet Troop Leader Training, during which cadets shadow platoon leaders here and abroad; and completing a military school -- normally air assault or airborne school, said Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, who handles logistics and planning for summer training. West Point did not receive any airborne slots this year because of COVID-19.

Every upperclassman also must serve as a cadre member leading trainees.

Col. Alan Boyer, director of the Department of Military Instruction at West Point, considers Cadet Summer Training vital to the "47-month experience," spanning the time that cadets first step on campus until they are commissioned as second lieutenants upon graduation. "The most

important thing we do in the summer is teach leadership, followership and instill the warrior ethos," Boyer said.

Cadet Summer Training is the time for the U.S. Military Academy to 'teach leadership, followership and instill the warrior ethos,' Col. Alan Boyer says.

Skills taught at basic training are more individually focused, such as shooting a rifle, throwing a hand grenade, rappelling and undergoing the gas chamber -- during which cadets are exposed to a controlled amount of tear gas. Field training leans toward team-based activities, including a three-day overnight field exercise and a four-person team live-fire drill.

While the cadre consists of upperclassmen leading younger cadets, Task Force 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment from 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain, at Fort Drum, New York, is overseeing the military tasks during CBT and CFT this year. The Sabalauski Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is supporting six courses at West Point from June 21 to Aug. 7.

"They're sponges," Sawyer said of trainees. "They really want to hear what these sergeants and NCOs, active duty from Task Force 2-87, are going to teach them not only about the military tasks but about being in the Army, leading soldiers."

A military history major from Spokane, Washington, Pratt said being thrown into complex instructions and relying on others to problem-solve promotes teamwork and builds a higher level of trust.

The constrained time frame increases the intensity.

"It's definitely surreal being in a leadership position now and looking back on being a trainee in this environment," Pratt said. "The academic year has its own challenges. But when you're out in the woods and you're getting down with it, the weather is not the best and the conditions, the training is really pushing you to your limits, you learn a lot about yourself and the classmates around you."

Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Denha, a rising senior, said cadets learn how to handle being uncomfortable during the summer. They also discover they can do more than they think, along with one more important realization: Nothing beats a good, reliable teammate.

"We allow cadets to feel their way through this training environment," said Boyer, who is in his 25th year in the Army. "They'll get it right and will impress the heck out of me a lot of times, and sometimes they'll get it wrong and they learn very, very valuable lessons."

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory
Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:03:42 PM

Also if you time for a quick call would appreciate it
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From: Piatt, Walter E LTG USARMY HQDA DAS (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 17:47
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Subject: RE: USMA & Critical Race Theory

Darryl,
Thanks for sending this. Do you mind if I reach out to some staff SMEs for a response?
Regards,
Walt

From: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:39 PM
To: Piatt, Walter E LTG USARMY HQDA DAS (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: [Trusted Sender] USMA & Critical Race Theory

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Thanks, as always, for the perspective, Walt.

Darryl

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Cc: (b) (6)
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Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:52:43 AM

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To: Williams, Darryl A LTG; (b) (6)
Cc: Angers, Jeffrey P SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA); Beach, Anselm A SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA); (b) (6)
Subject: FW: USMA & Critical Race Theory

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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:29 PM
To: Johnston, Amy E BG USARMY HQDA OCPA (USA) (b) (6) >; Lewis, Mark R SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA) (b) (6); Yurkanin, Kathryn M SES USARMY HQDA OCLL (USA) (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6)
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Subject: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:18:19 AM

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:35:51 AM
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Subject: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory

Sir,

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Thanks, as always, for the perspective, Walt.

Darryl

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:27:23 PM

Ok Sir,

(b) (6)

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Darryl

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 14:49
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG; Brito, Gary M LTG USARMY HQDA DCS G-1 (USA)
Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory

Darryl: Have discussed with the team here Jeff Angers, Anselm Beach, and (b) (6). All are onboard with the issues. Anselm Beach is going to contact your Diversity Officer and work in that way. The rest of us are standing by to help. Mark

From: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:53 AM
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Thanks, as always, for the perspective, Walt.

Darryl

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
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Subject: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:28:14 PM
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Thanks Anselm,
appreciate the support.
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To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Cc: Lewis, Mark R SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA); Angers, Jeffrey P SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA); Brito, Gary M LTG USARMY HQDA DCS G-1 (USA); (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory

LTG Williams:

We will contact (b) (6) to schedule some time to plan the next steps. Here to support.

v/r Anselm

Anselm A. Beach | Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army - Equity and Inclusion Agency

(b) (6) |

"Diversity is the force. Equity is the goal. Inclusion is the way."



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Anselm A SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: [Trusted Sender] Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory

Darryl: Have discussed with the team here Jeff Angers, Anselm Beach, and (b) (6). All are onboard with the issues. Anselm Beach is going to contact your Diversity Officer and work in that way. The rest of us are standing by to help. Mark

From: Williams, Darryl A LTG <(b) (6)>

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:53 AM

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Roger Sir,
will have my team set something up with your folks.
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Darryl

From: Lewis, Mark R SES USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA) (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 21:59

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Thanks, as always, for the perspective, Walt.

Darryl

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: USMA & Critical Race Theory
Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:49:20 PM

Thanks (b) (6)
yes no issue
Darryl

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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 17:47
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Subject: RE: USMA & Critical Race Theory

Darryl,
Thanks for sending this. Do you mind if I reach out to some staff SMEs for a response?
Regards,

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Thanks, as always, for the perspective, Walt.

Darryl

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: USMA Talking Points for Testimony
Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:45:04 PM

Thank you, Sir.

Very Respectfully,

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Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:23:34 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: USMA Talking Points for Testimony

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Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:22
To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
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Subject: RE: RE: USMA Talking Points for Testimony

Thanks Supe.

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Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:22 AM

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Vr,
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Walter E LTG USARMY HQDA DAS (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: USMA Talking Points for Testimony

Darryl;

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Thanks

GEN James C. McConville
40th Chief of Staff of the Army

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From: "Williams, Darryl A LTG" <(b) (6)>
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Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 10:15:28 PM

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To: Williams, Darryl A LTG
Subject: RE: USMA Talking Points for Testimony
Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:59:23 AM

Ack sir. Ready to go in your drafts.

Vr,

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From: Williams, Darryl A LTG (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:58 AM
To: (b) (6)
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Thanks yes
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Yes Chief,

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From: McConville, James C GEN USARMY HQDA CSA (USA) <james.c.mcconville3.mil@mail.mil>

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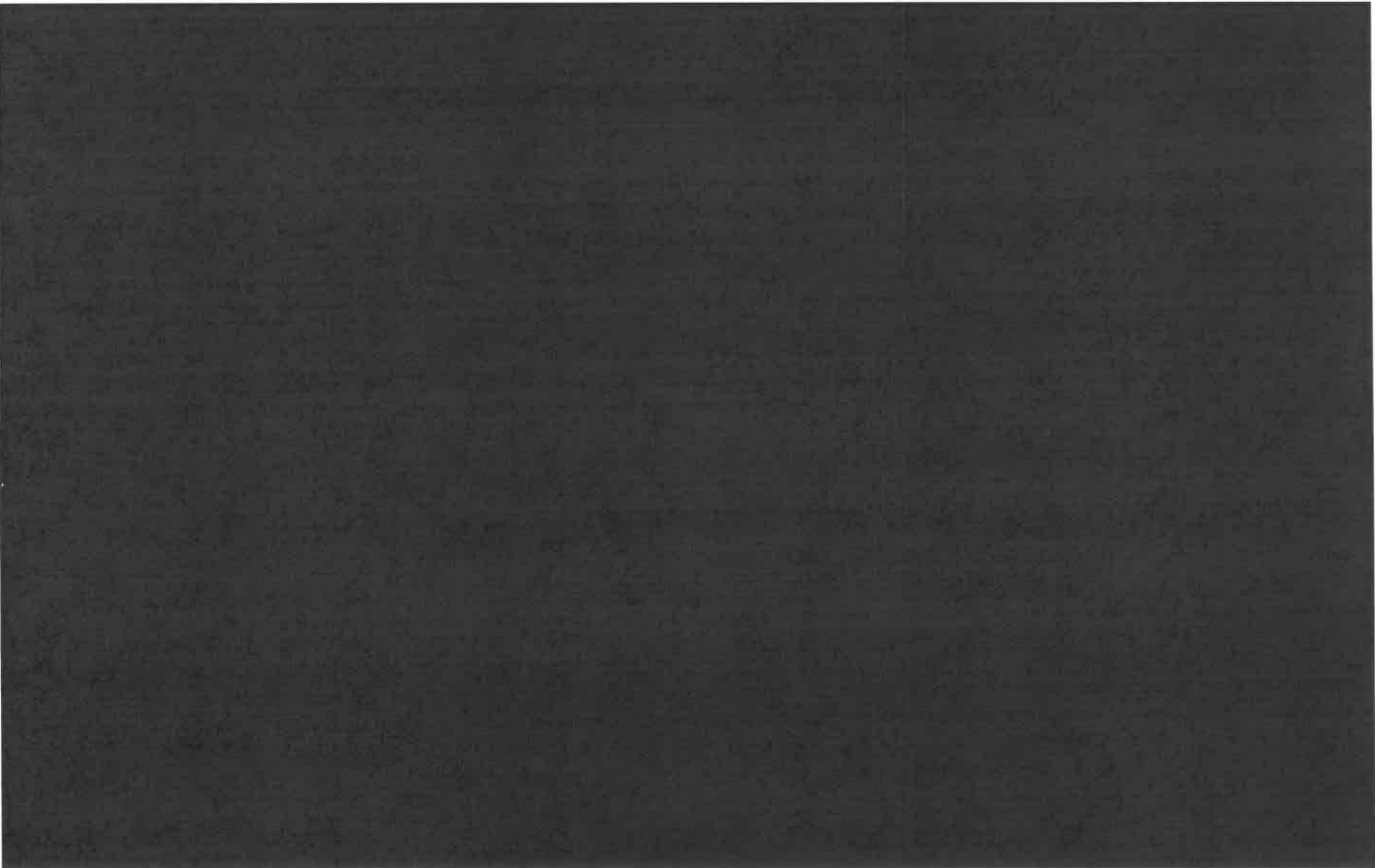
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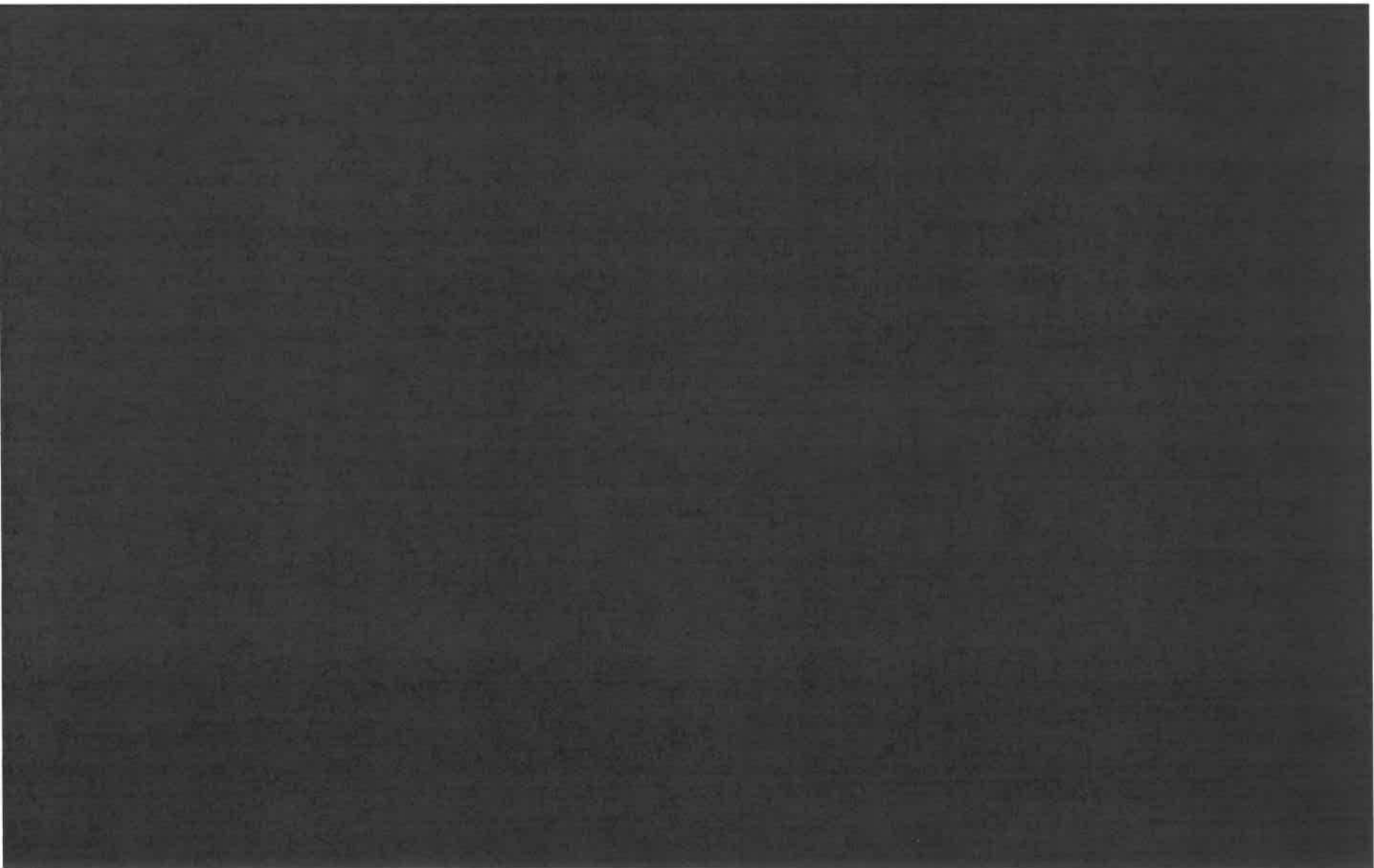
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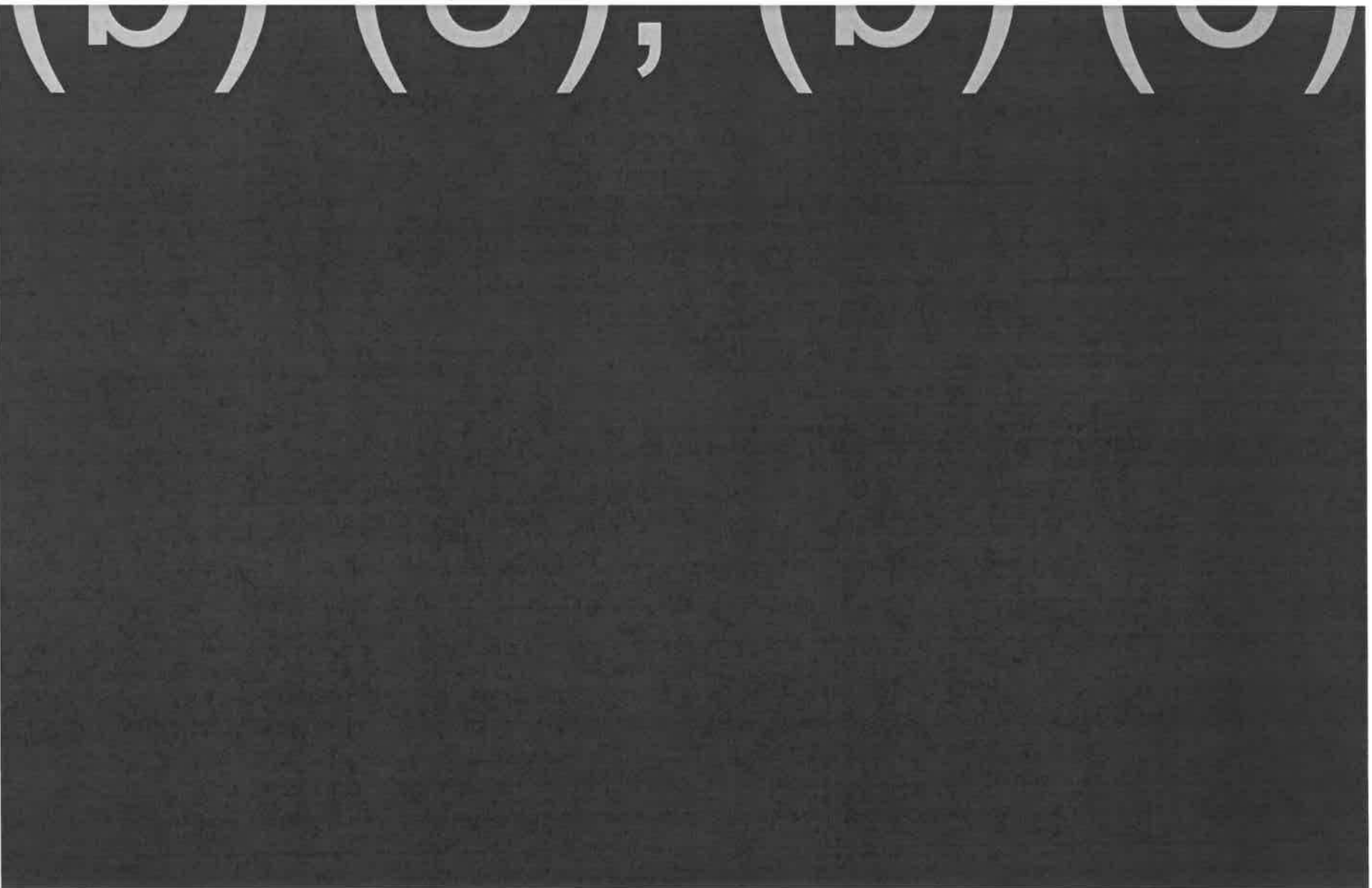
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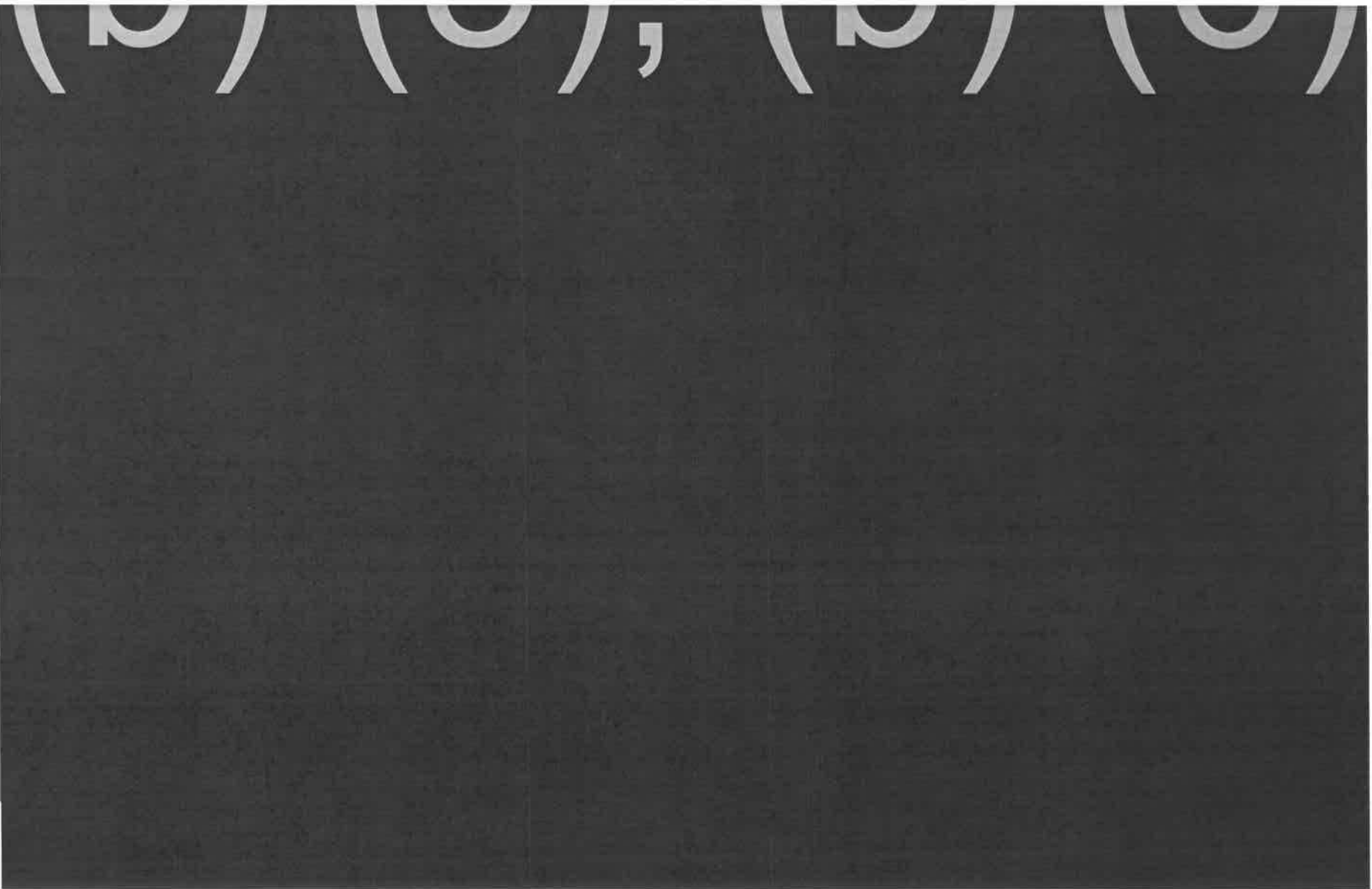
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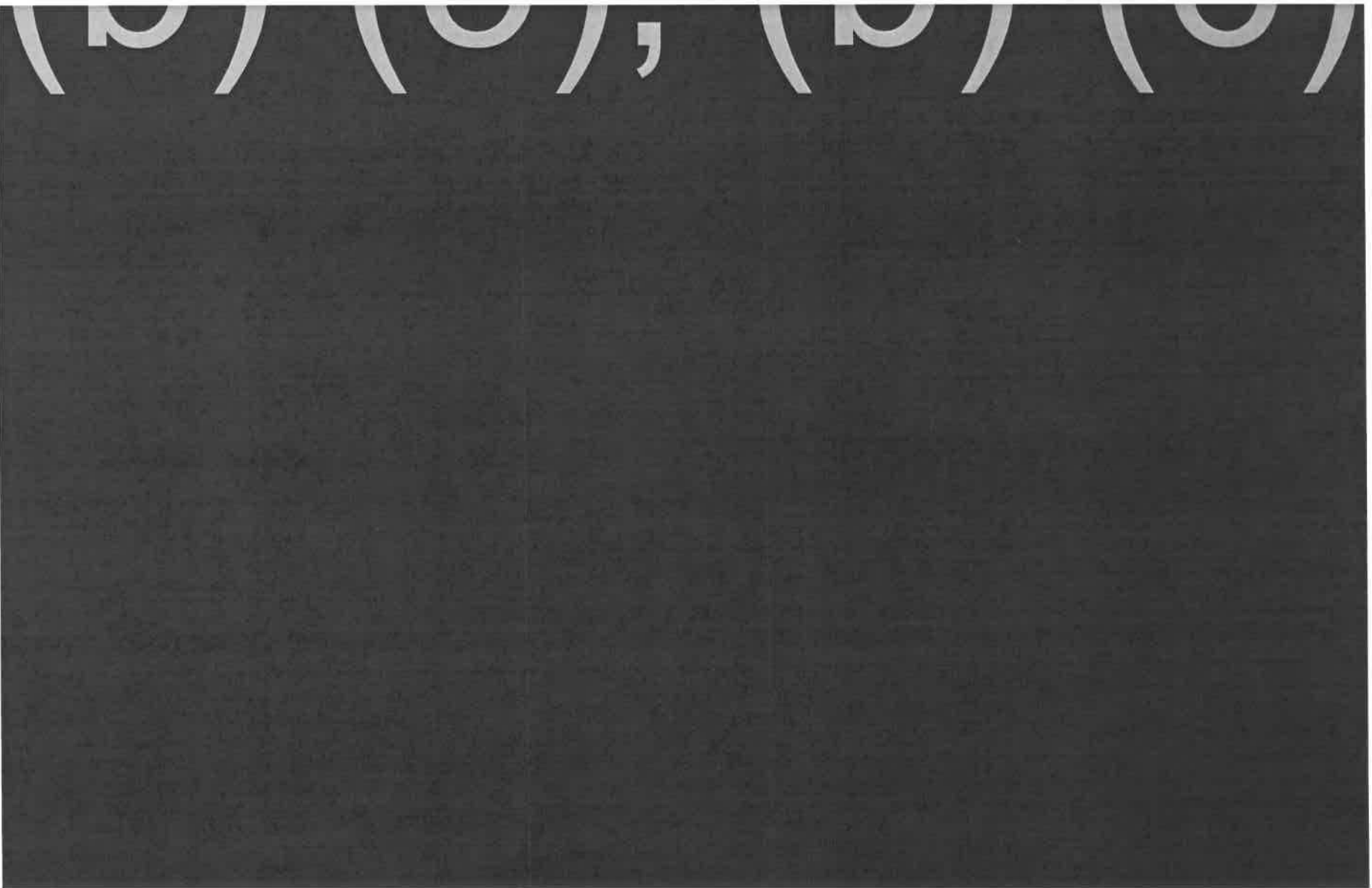
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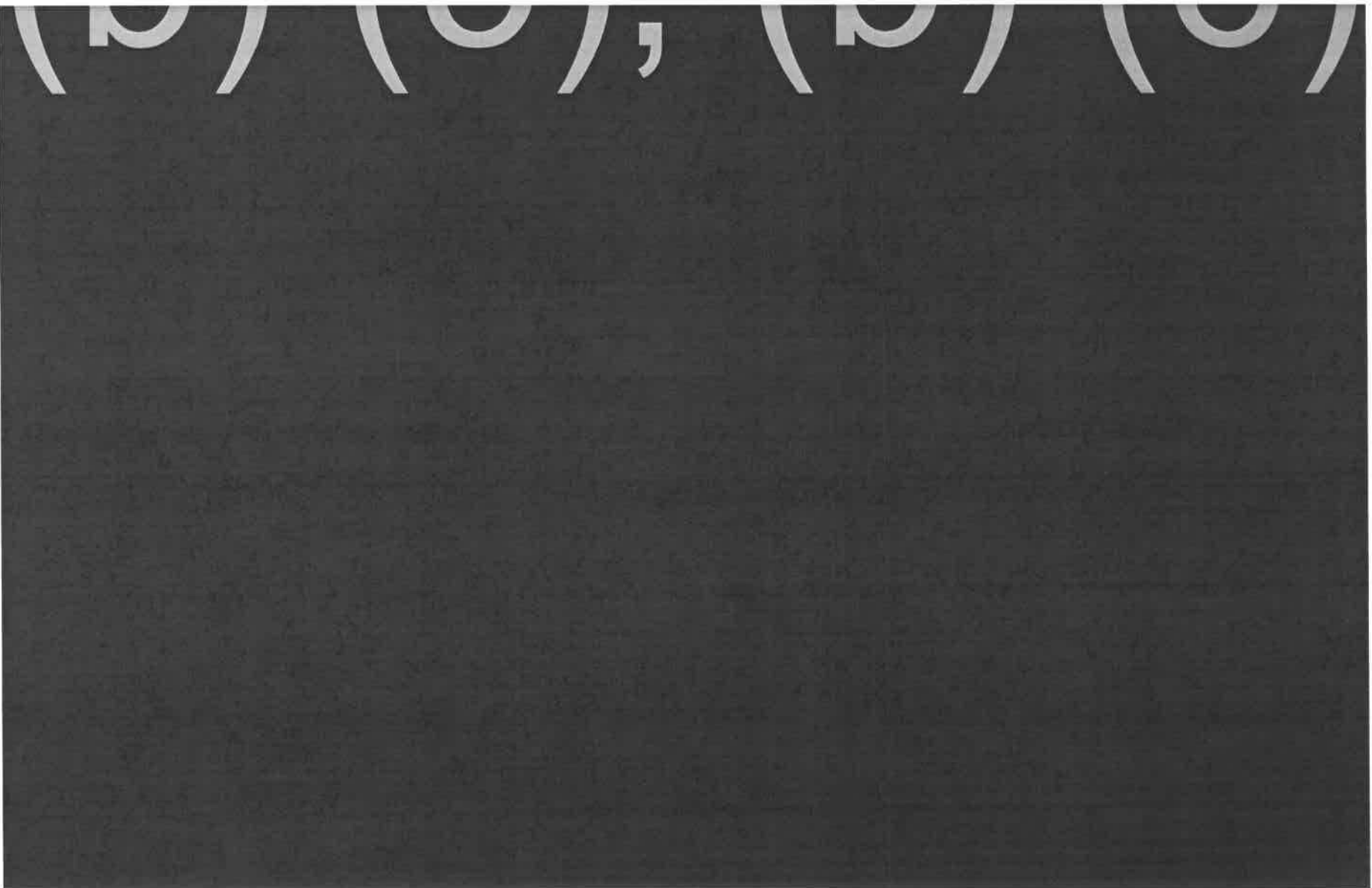


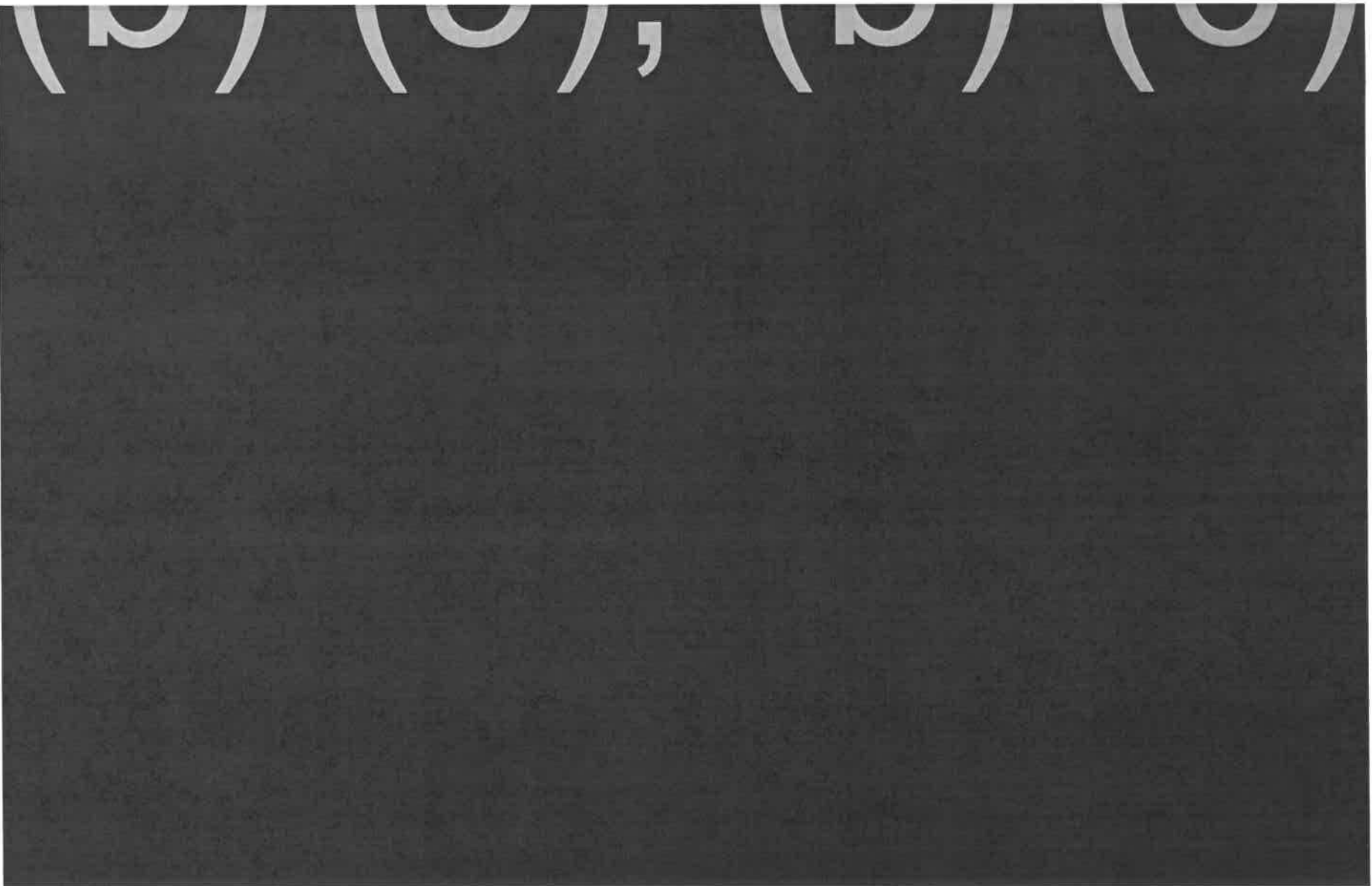


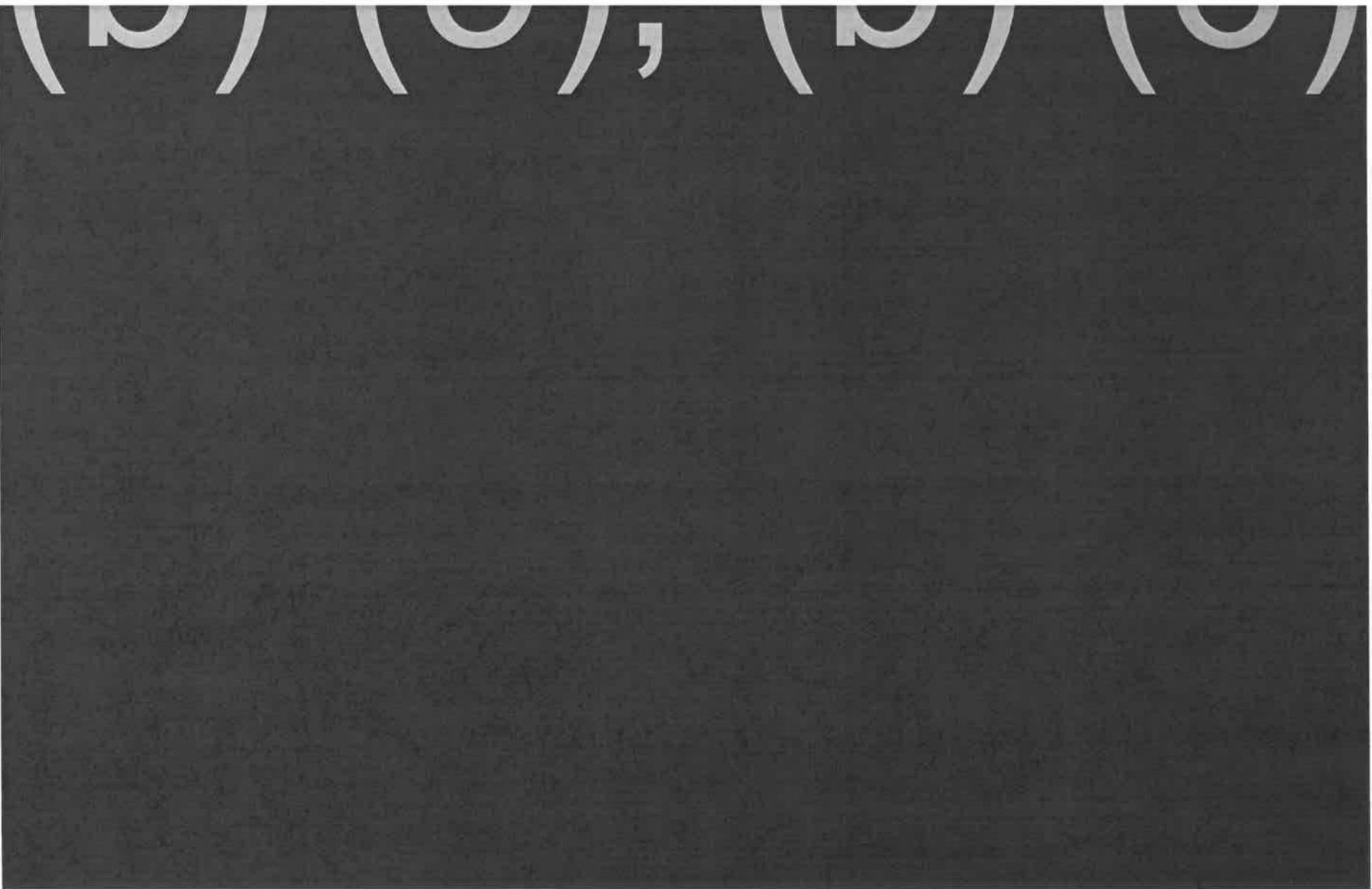


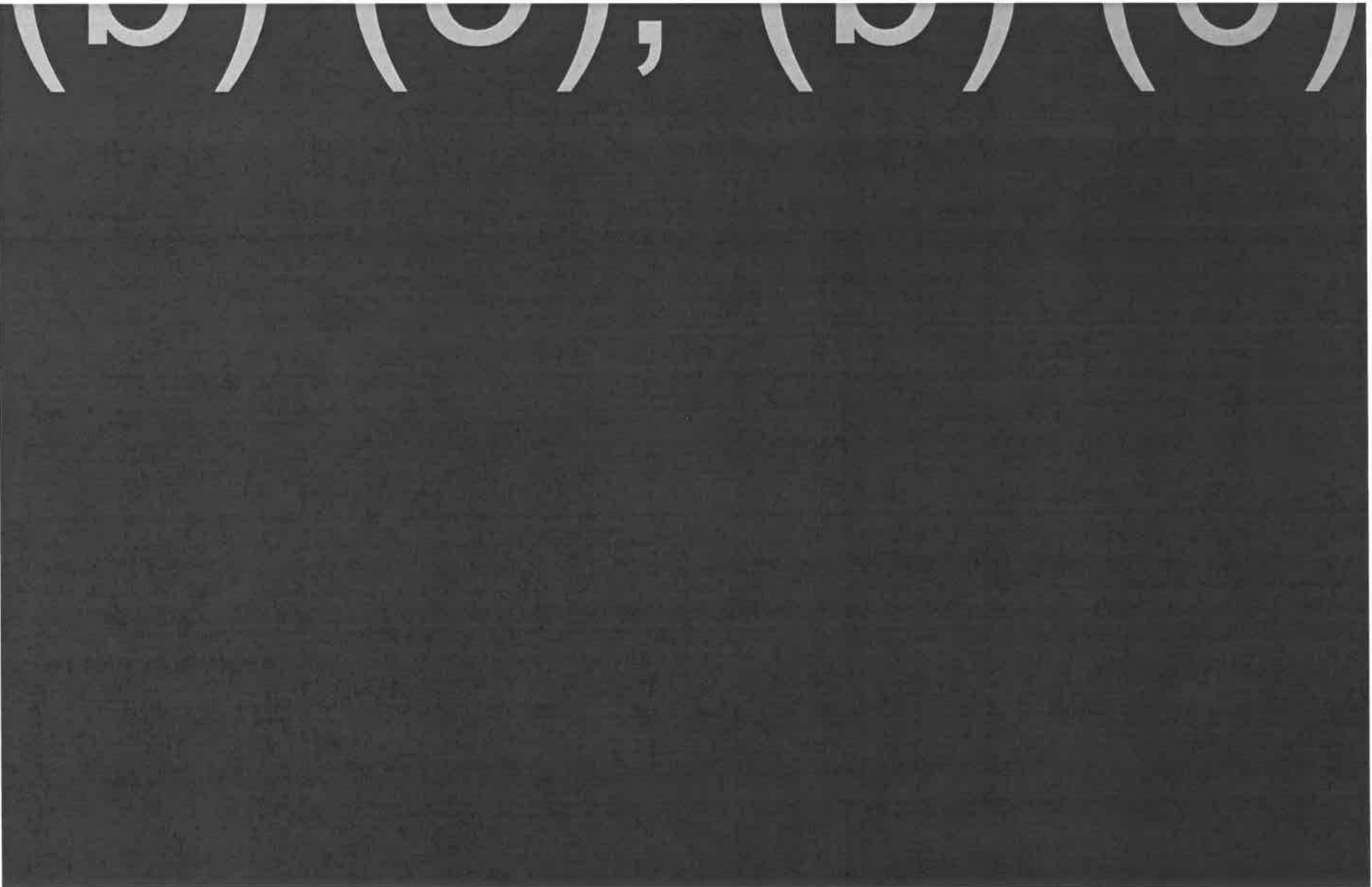


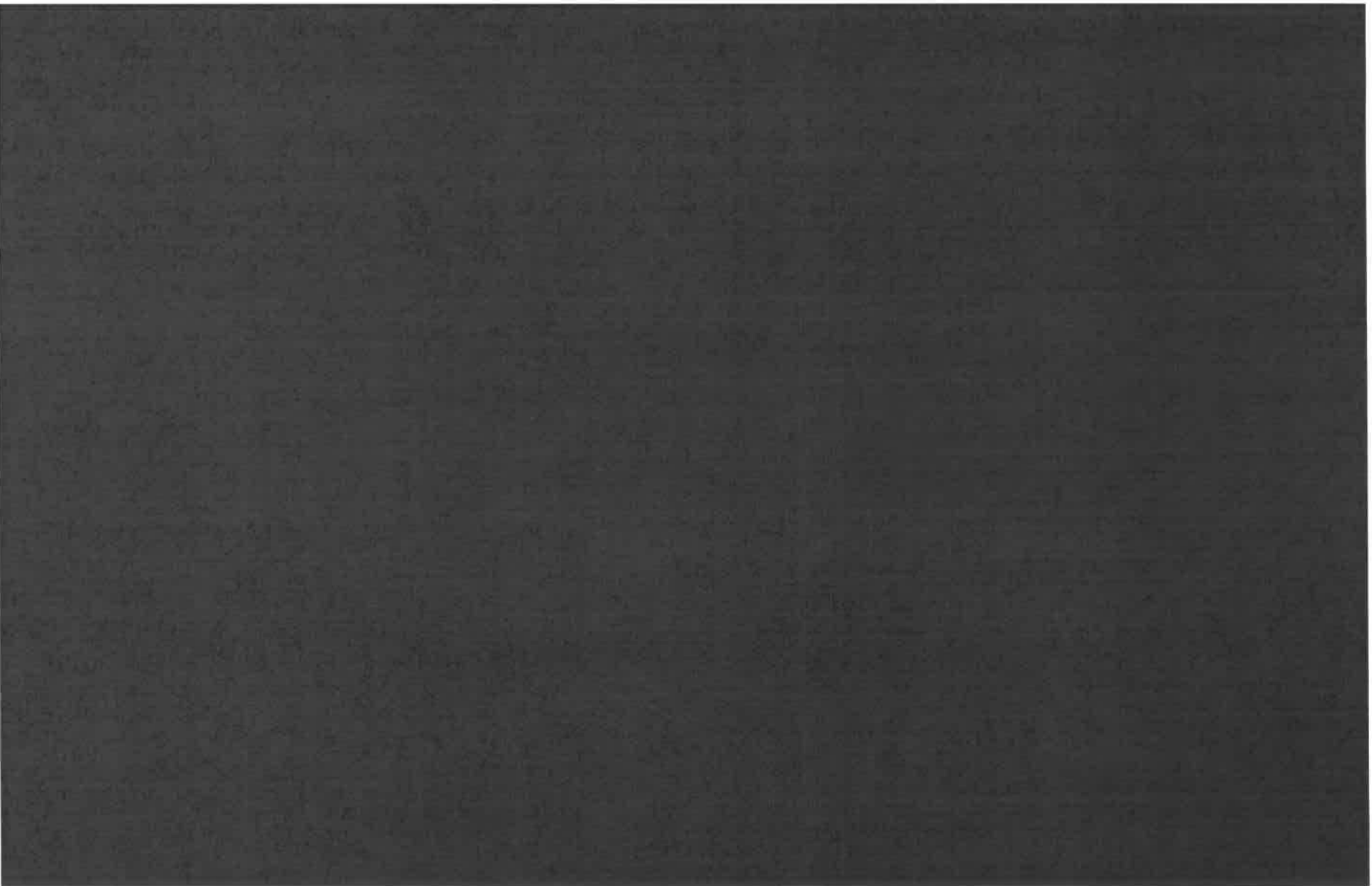


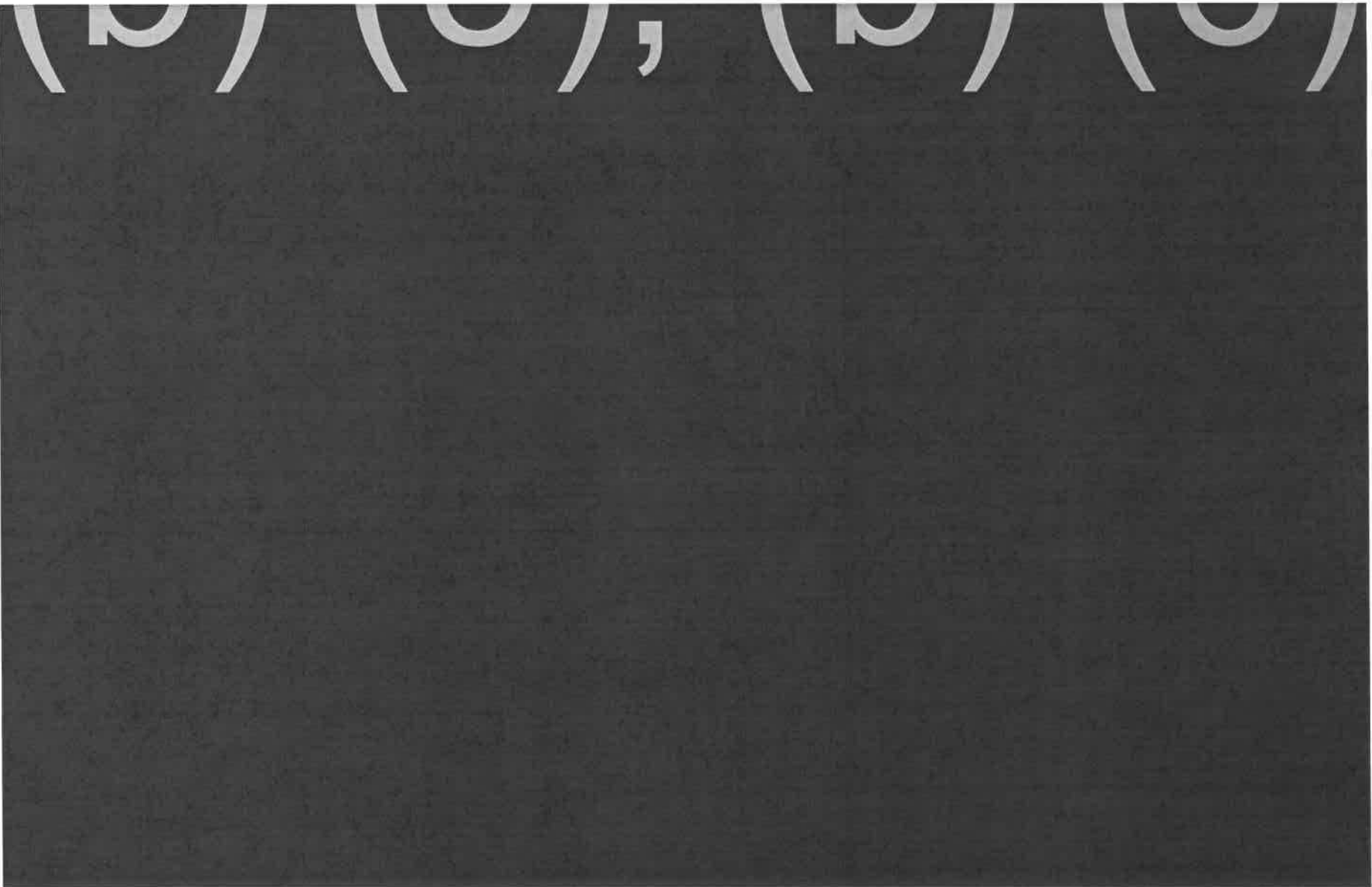


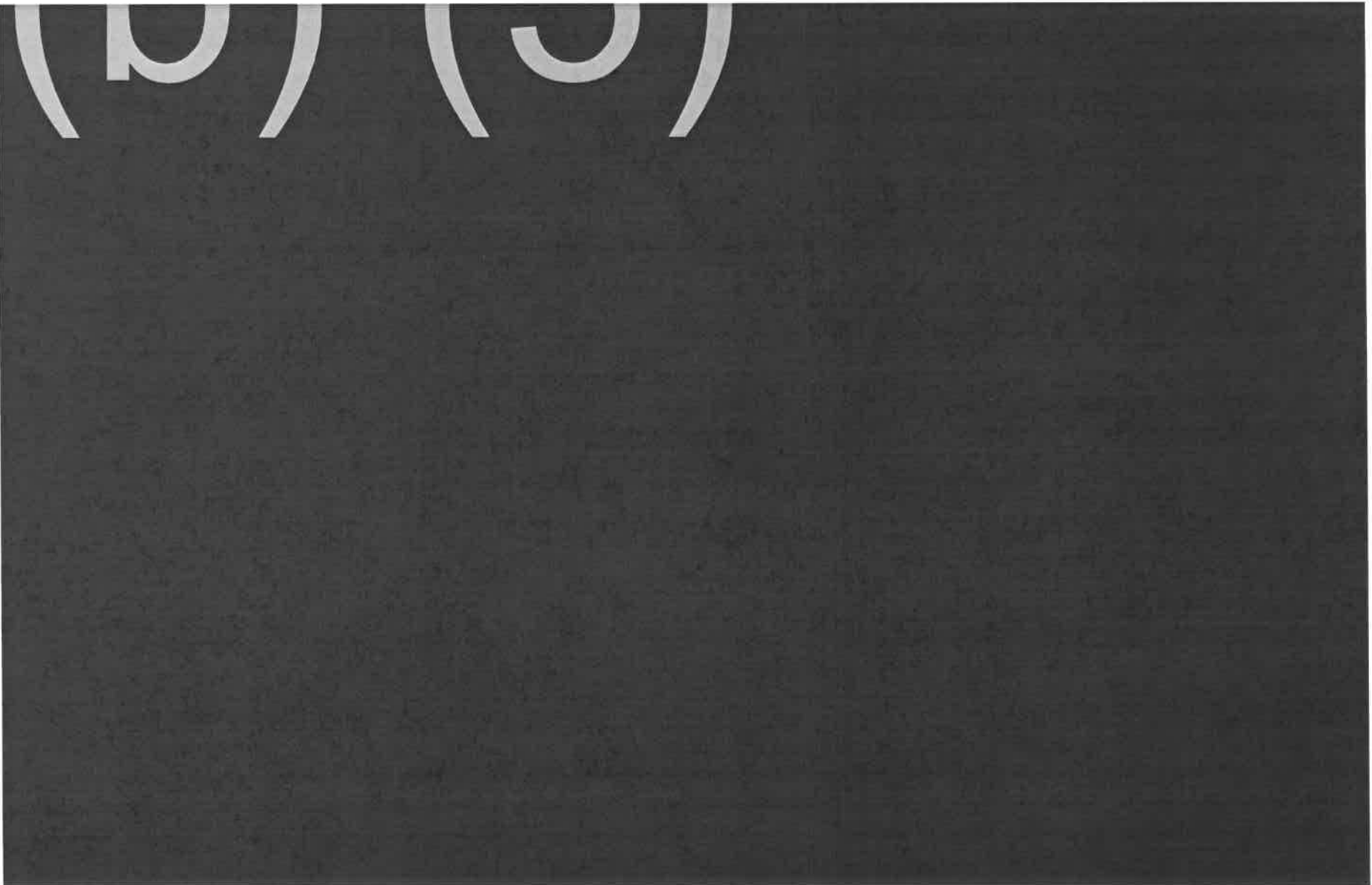


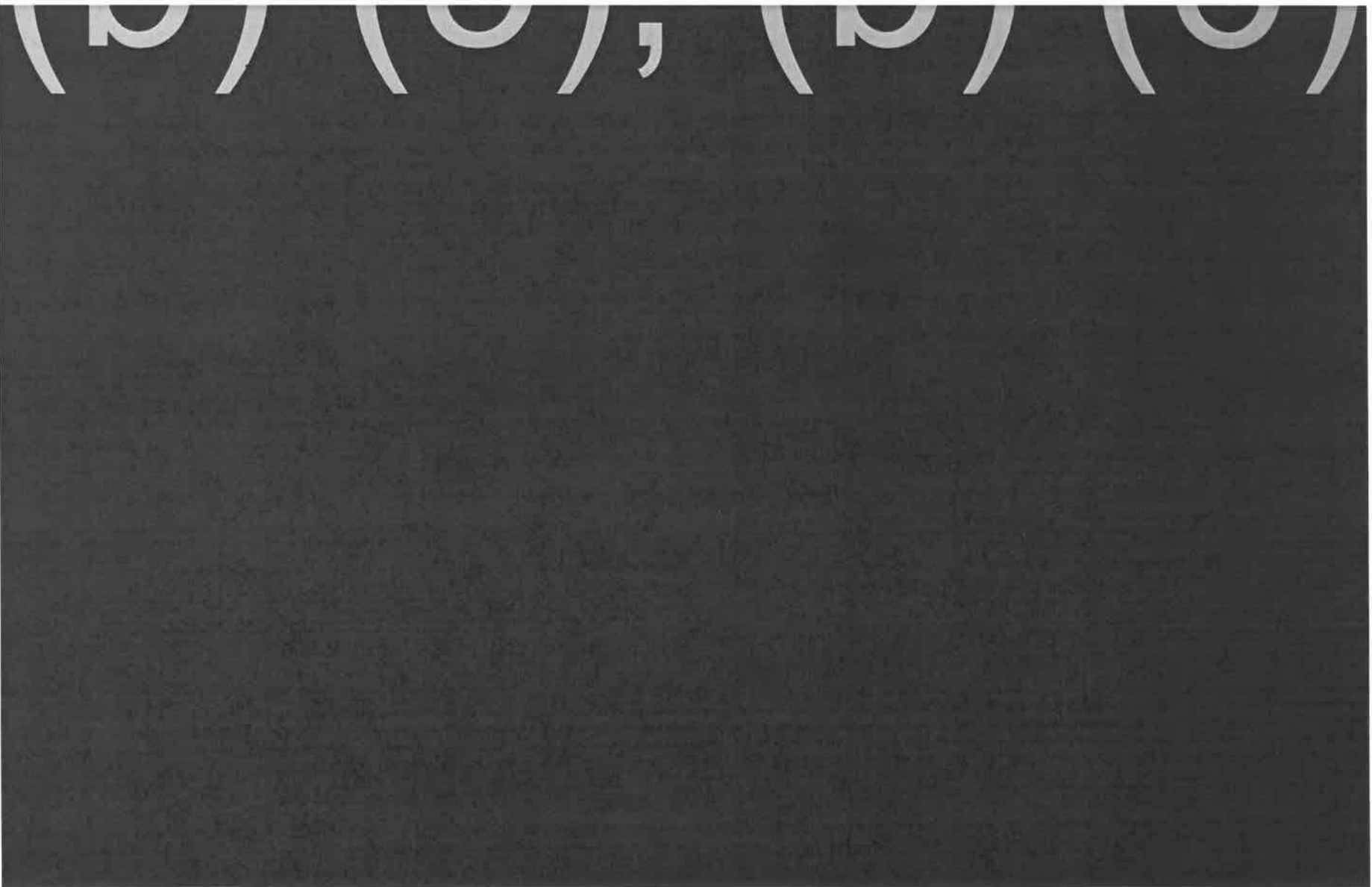


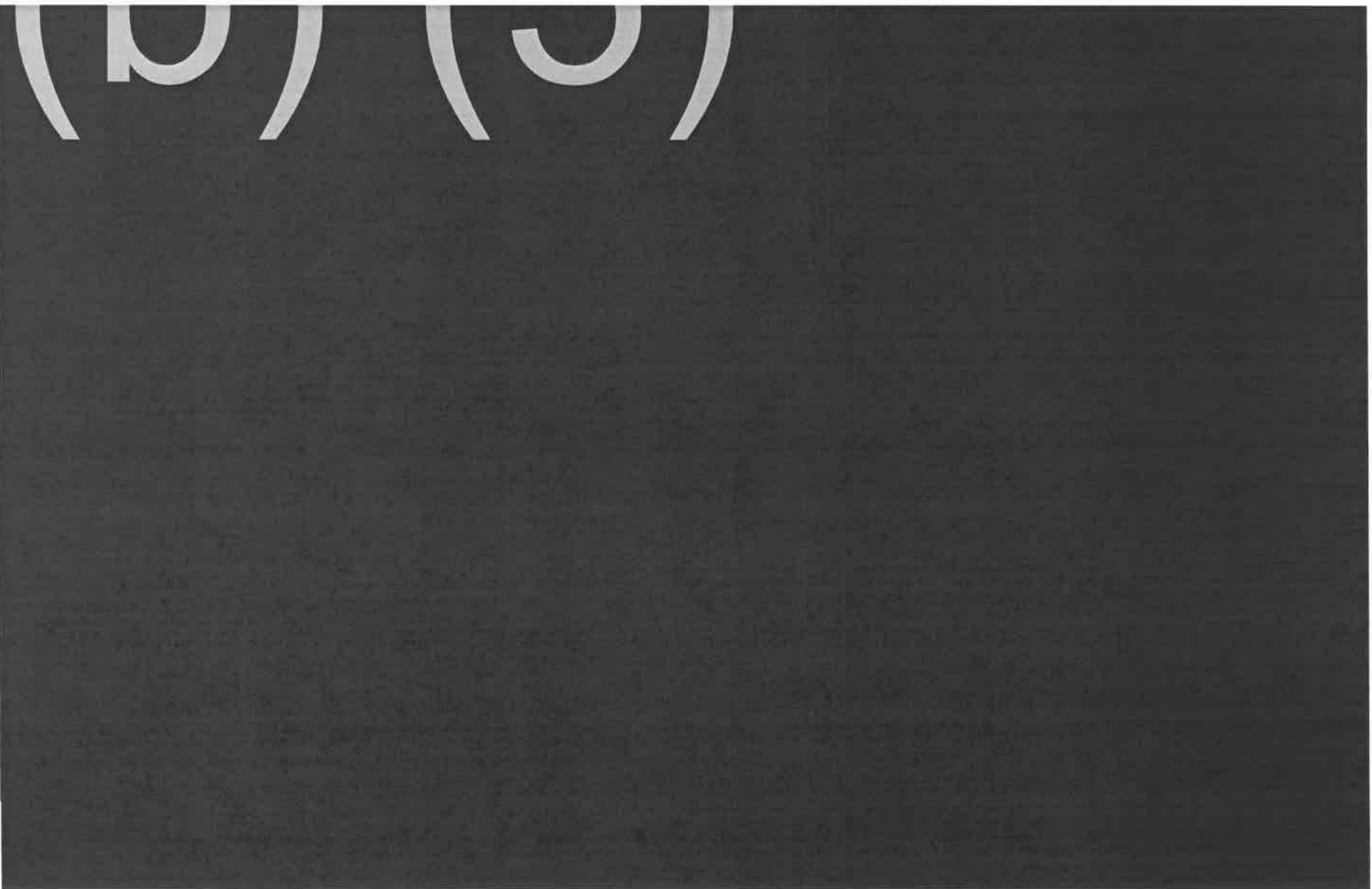


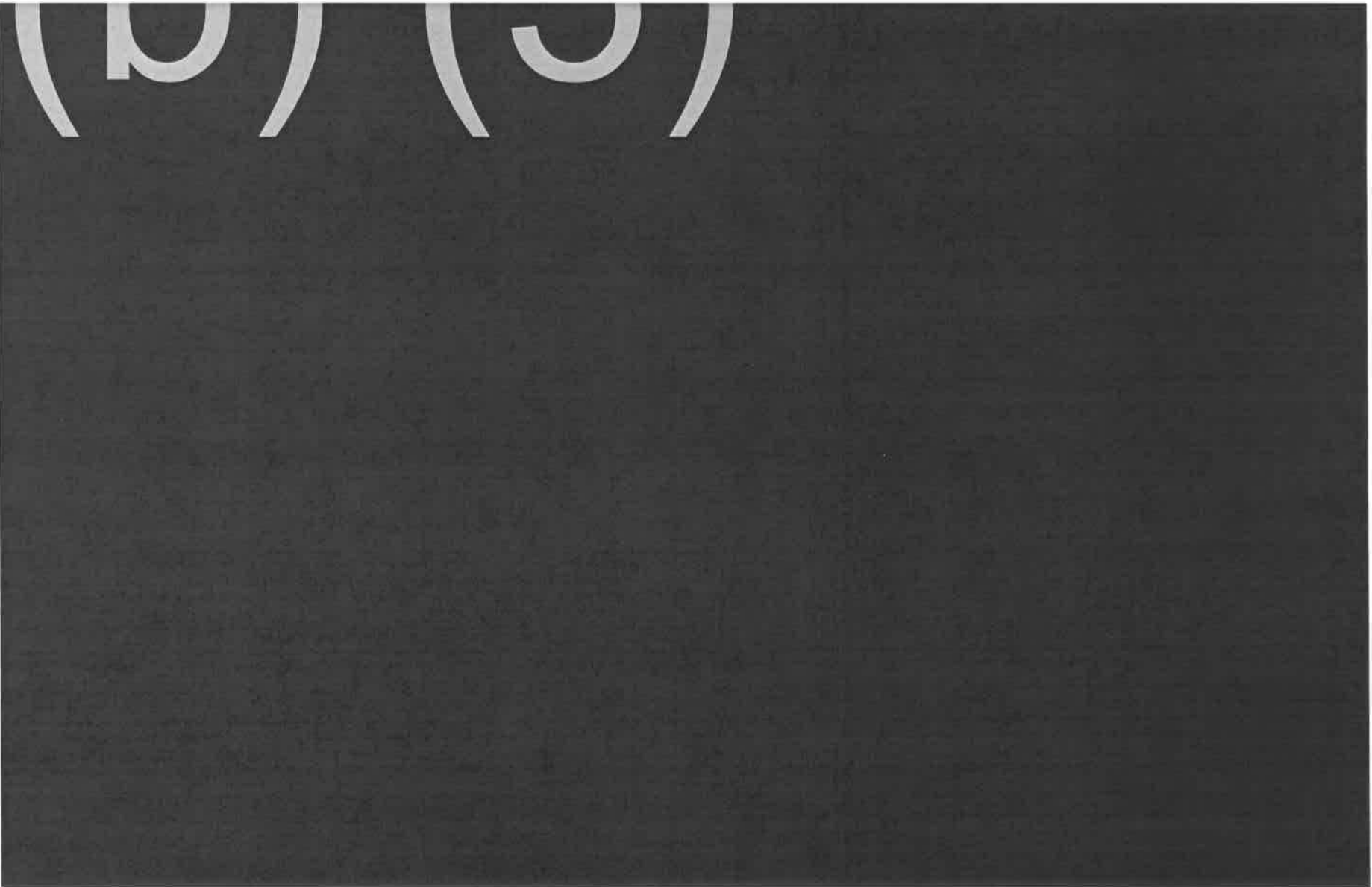


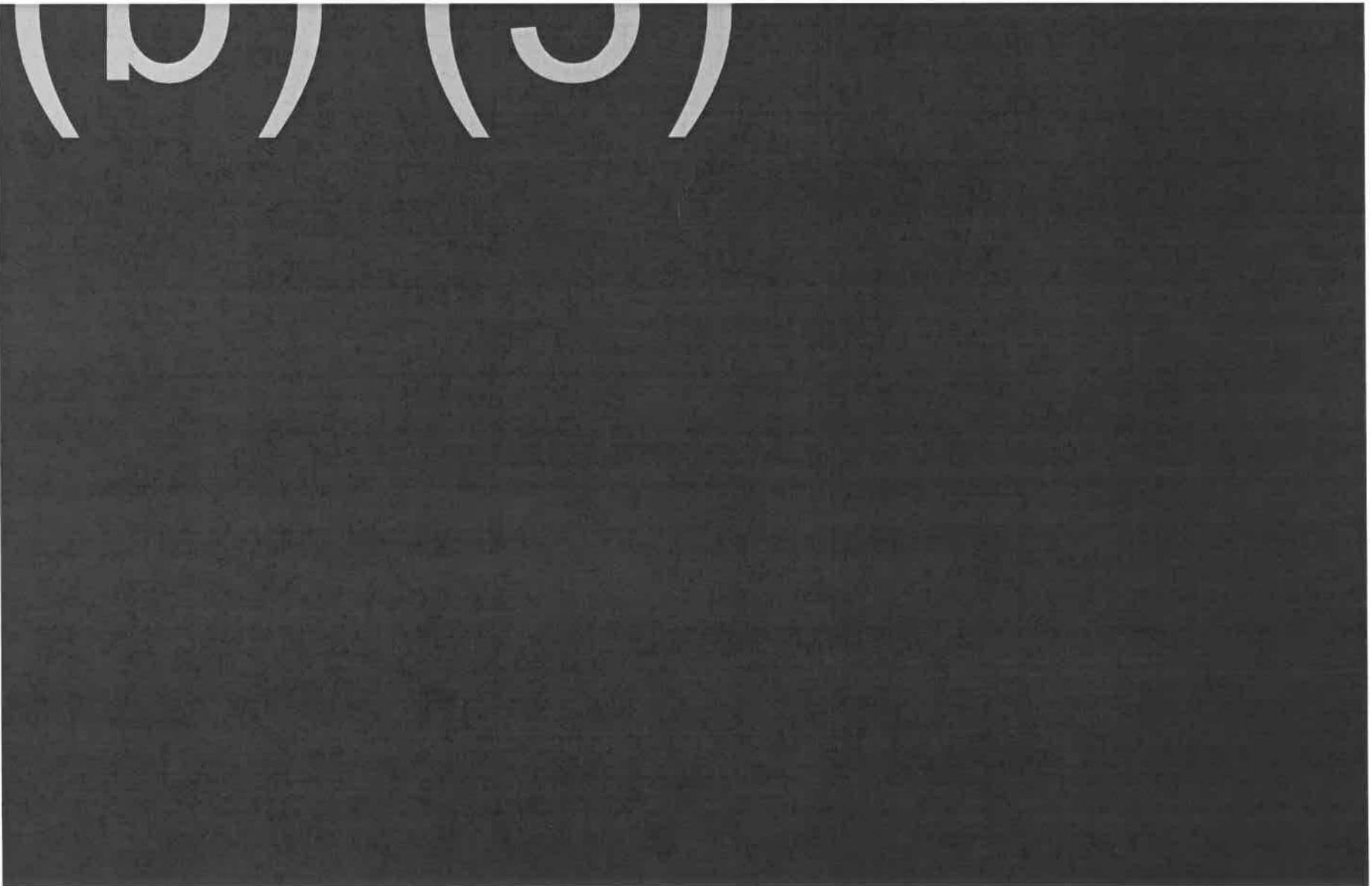


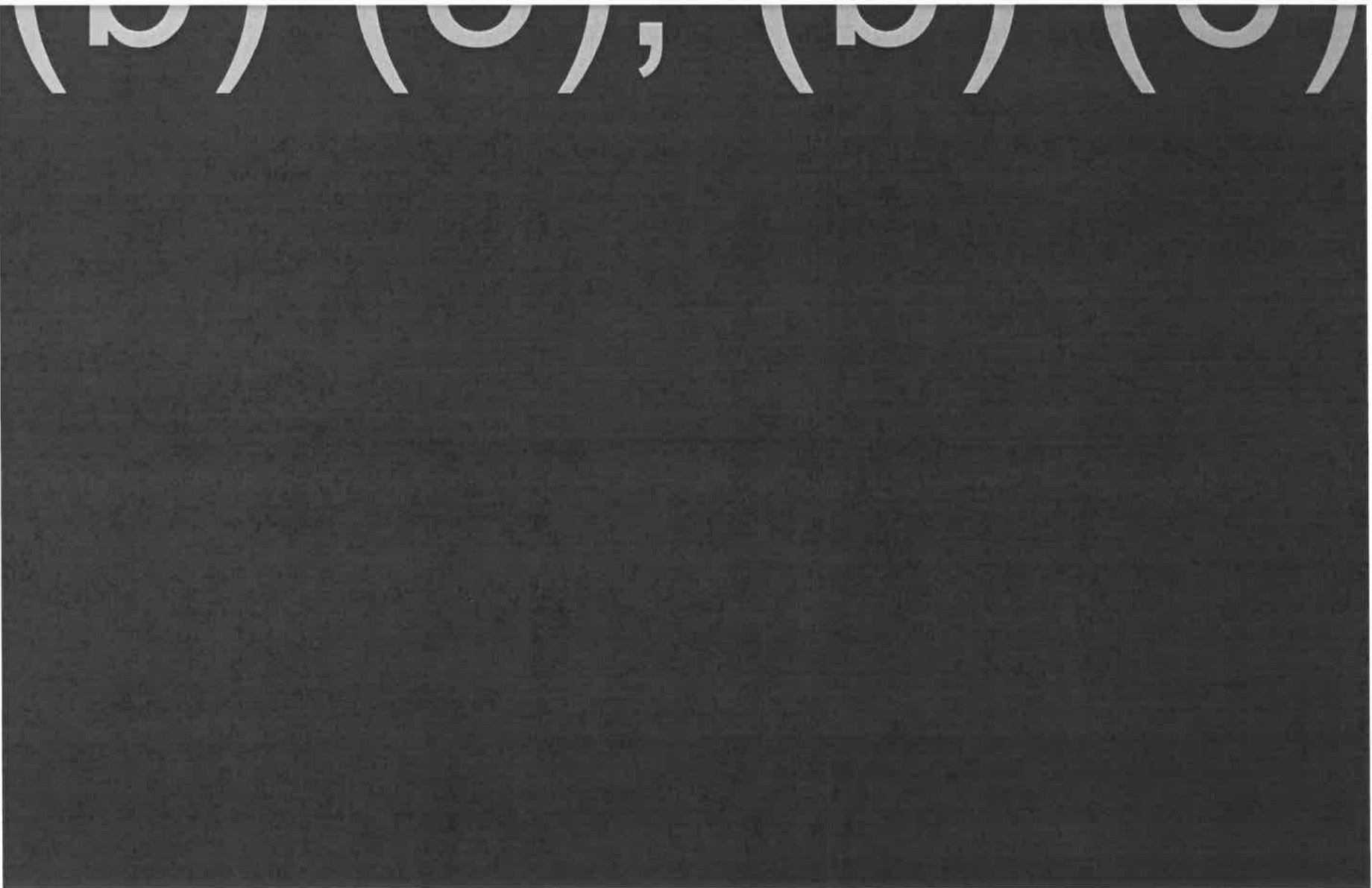


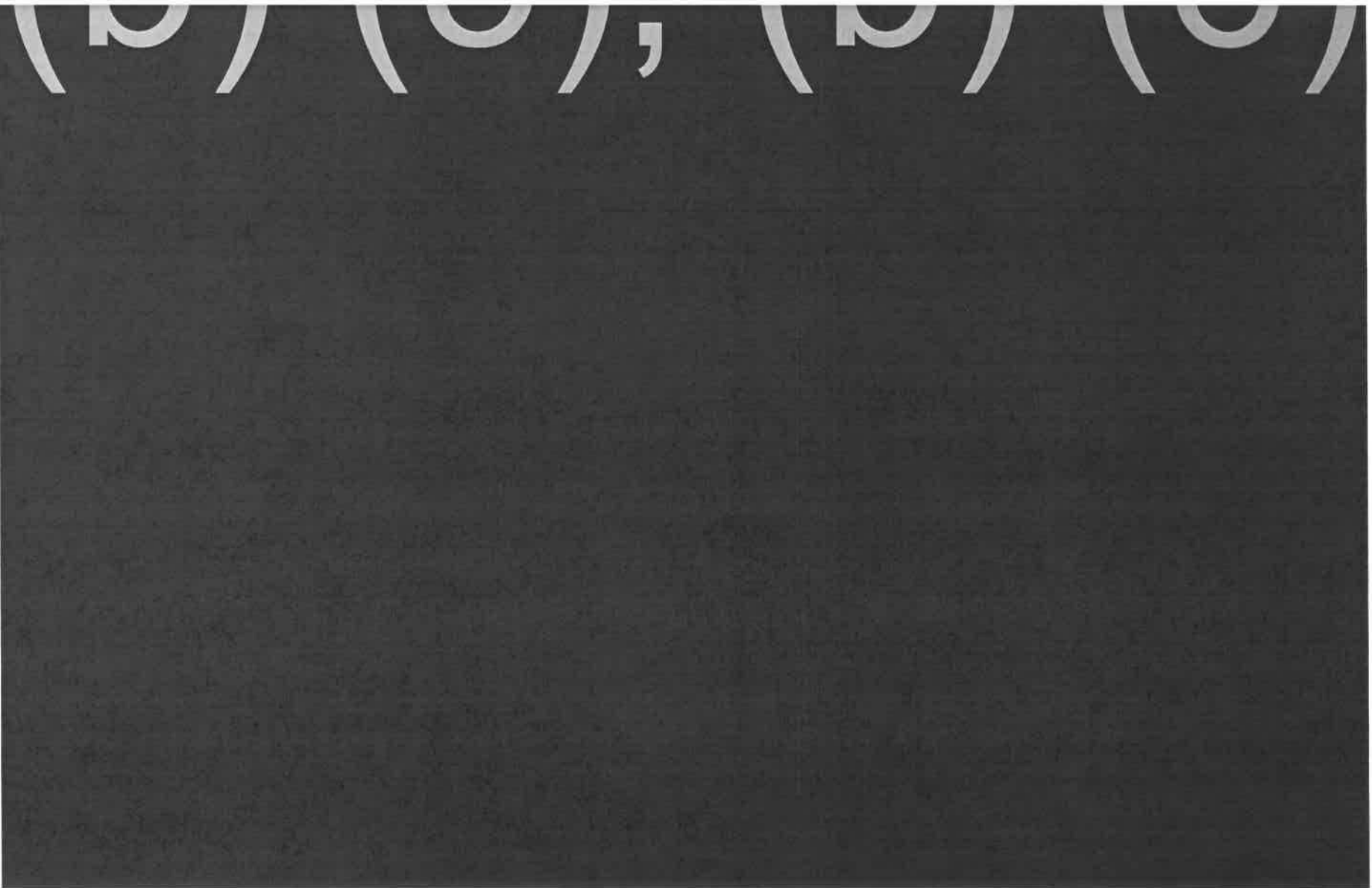


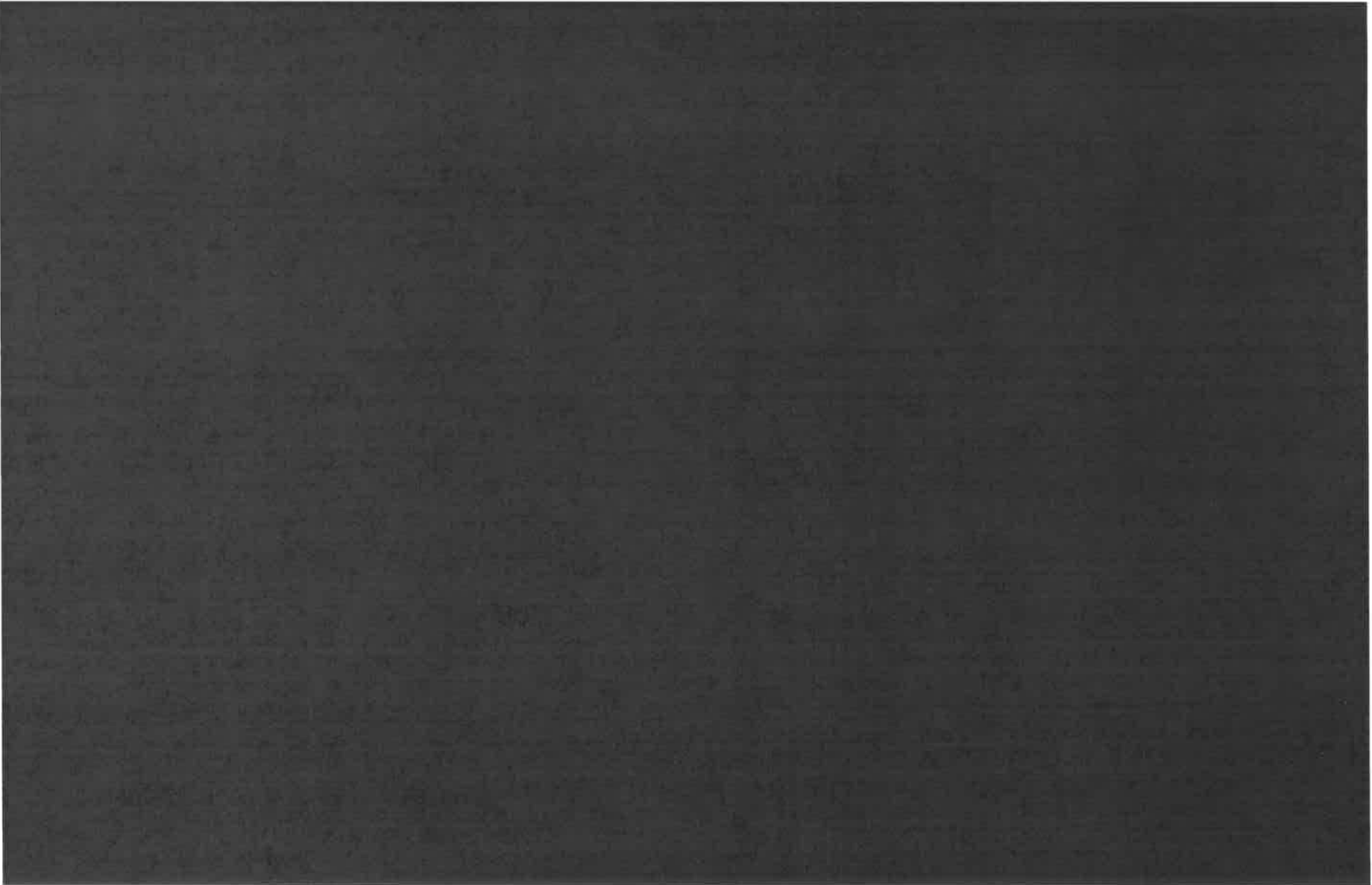












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Subject: Sharing: 10 June MRD Morning Report
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:50:00 AM
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:07 AM
Subject: 10 June MRD Morning Report

Ladies and gentlemen,

Army Times reported that Soldiers will continue to be reimbursed through the tuition assistance program, and that an exception-to-policy agreement will allow Soldiers to continue registering for classes. Stars and Stripes reported that Army officer promotion boards will soon have access to adverse information and restricted files when considering leaders for promotion. Defense Daily reported that Army senior leaders are confident that the service's next five-year spending plan will continue to protect the full range of modernization programs.

TOP STORIES:

1. SOLDIERS PROMISED REIMBURSEMENT AFTER PLAGUED START OF NEW ARMY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

(Army Times, June 9, Staff Writer)

Army leaders are promising to address months-long issues with their new tuition assistance program, which have caused some soldiers to have to pay out of pocket for civilian schooling that is normally free.

2. ARMY OFFICERS TO FACE MORE SCRUTINY AS PROMOTION BOARDS GAIN ACCESS TO RESTRICTED PERSONNEL FILES

(Stars and Stripes, June 9, John Vandiver)

Army officer promotion boards will have access, starting this month, to adverse information and restricted files when considering leaders for promotion, the Army said.

3. MURRAY 'OPTIMISTIC' ARMY'S NEXT FUTURE YEARS SPENDING PLAN WILL PROTECT FULL RANGE OF MODERNIZATION

(Defense Daily, June 9, Matthew Beinart)

The Army's lead modernization official said Wednesday he's optimistic the service's next five-year spending plan to be rolled out along with the fiscal year 2023 budget request, will continue to protect the full range of more than 30 modernization programs.

BROADCAST CLIPS OF NOTE:

1. TRANSFORMING THE US ARMY

(YouTube, June 9, American Enterprise Institute)

The United States Army is undertaking its most aggressive modernization effort in 40 years. AEI's Mackenzie Eaglen hosts this discussion on the future of America's ground forces with the Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville and the commander of Army Futures Command, Gen. John M. Murray.

2. AWAITING ARMY CORPS' DECISION ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE

(WPTV-NBC (FL), June 9)

The Army Corps of Engineers is expected to release a plan for managing water releases from Lake Okeechobee within weeks.

3. ARMY RECRUITERS HELP CRASH VICTIMS

(WKRN-ABC (TN), June 9)

Soldiers rushed to help victims of a multiple car crash on a busy street outside their Army recruiting office in Clarksville, Tenn.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10 JUN: CSA GEN James McConville will travel to Fort Riley to engage with 11D leaders and Soldiers. (Local media)
- 10 JUN: Mr. Christopher Lowman, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.
- 10 JUN: Ms. Karen Baker, regional programs director of the USACE North Atlantic Division, will be interviewed by Agence France-Press at the Pentagon about her experience on 9/11.
- 11 JUN: CSA GEN James McConville will provide remarks at the Army War College graduation ceremony at Carlisle Barracks. (Local media)
- 14 JUN: Secretary Christine Wormuth, CSA GEN James McConville and SMA Michael Grinston will participate in a livestreamed Army birthday cake-cutting and reenlistment ceremony.
- 14 JUN: Secretary Christine Wormuth and CSA GEN James McConville will participate in the Army Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 14 JUN 21: BG Mark Quander, USMA Commandant of Cadets, will participate in a Meet Your Army event in NYC on the Army's Birthday. Events include a reenlistment, remarks, cake cutting, appearance on "Good Morning America," ringing the closing bell at NYSE, and meetings with Mets leadership and NY CASAs.
- 15 JUN: Secretary Christine Wormuth and CSA GEN James McConville will testify at a hearing before the SAS on the Army's posture and the FY22 Army budget.
- 15 JUN: GEN John M. "Mike" Murray, CG of AFC; Mr. Douglas Bush, acting ASA ALT; and MG Erik Petersen, director of force development, G-8, will testify at a hearing before the SASC on Army modernization.
- 15 JUN: LTG Daniel L. Karbler, CG of SMDC, will testify before the HASC Subcommittee on Strategic Forces as the Army's proponent for air and missile defense.
- 15-18 JUN: SMA Michael Grinston will deliver remarks and participate in the Senior Enlisted Leadership Development Forum at TRADOC headquarters at Fort Eustis.
- 16 JUN: NBC's "Today Show" will broadcast live from the National Museum of the U.S. Army. The segment will feature a CSA interview and Soldier stories as part of the Army's 246th Birthday celebration and the reopening of the NMUSA on 14 JUN.
- 16 JUN: LTG James M. Richardson, DCG of AFC, will provide remarks at the Conference of European Armies.

PEOPLE:

1. IRAQI INTERPRETER'S BATTLEFIELD WORK WITH STARS AND STRIPES REPORTERS INSPIRED HER ARMY CAREER

(Stars and Stripes, June 10, Seth Robson)

Standing 4 feet, 11 inches and weighing 110 pounds, Army Spc. Zainab Olivo had her work cut out marching with 60 pounds of gear during basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

2. ARMY TUITION AID STALLED BY MONTHSLONG TECH GLITCH PUTS SOLDIERS' FUTURES ON HOLD

(NBC News, June 9, Phil McCausland)

Every day for more than a month, the Facebook page for the Army's new tuition assistance program has gotten a smattering of complaints from soldiers who are unable to use the program because of a technical glitch.

3. KEY LAWMAKERS WANT TO GET RID OF TRICARE PREMIUMS FOR DEPENDENTS UNDER AGE 26

(Military.com, June 9, Patricia Kime)

Momentum is growing in Congress to allow military dependents to stay on their parents' Tricare health plan until age 26 without paying monthly premiums.

4. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD INCREASE TROOPS' LIFE INSURANCE MAX TO \$500,000

(Military Times, June 9, Karen Jowers)

A bill to increase the maximum life insurance coverage for service members and veterans to \$500,000 has been introduced by a bipartisan group of four lawmakers who say the increase is needed to reflect inflation levels.

5. CLARKSVILLE U.S. ARMY RECRUITERS HELP SAVE LIVES AFTER CRASH INVOLVING 7 VEHICLES

(WKRN-ABC (TN), June 9, Julia Palazzo)

A group of U.S. Army recruiters in Clarksville put their combat-tested skills to good use after a crash involving seven vehicles in the 3000 block of Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

6. DOZENS OF US TROOPS AND OTHERS AT AL ASAD AIR BASE DONATE BLOOD TO HELP WOUNDED IRAQI SOLDIER

(Stars and Stripes, June 9, Chad Garland)

Dozens of U.S. troops, allied forces and civilian contractors donated blood to help an Iraqi soldier who was severely wounded in a roadside bomb blast near the Syrian border recently.

7. HOUSE REPUBLICAN DEMANDS WEST POINT CEASE CRITICAL RACE THEORY TRAININGS TO MILITARY CADETS

(Fox News, June 9, Brooke Singman)

Republican Rep. Mike Waltz is demanding that U.S. Military Academy West Point stop teaching cadets critical race theory, calling the teachings "divisive," "destructive," and "unacceptable" for the future leaders of the U.S. military.

8. ARMY PROPOSES TRIPLING BUDGET FOR ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

(Stars and Stripes, June 9, Nikki Wentling)

The cemetery is expected to announce later this year new eligibility criteria for burial at Arlington. Currently, most veterans and military retirees are eligible for either above- or below-ground burial. The Army began a lengthy rulemaking process in 2019 to change the criteria.

9. FORT CARSON SOLDIER HEADED TO PRISON FOR INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH WOMEN

(The Gazette (CO), June 9, David Bitton)

A Fort Carson sergeant major lost two stripes and will serve six months behind bars after he admitted at court-martial to sending indecent text messages to a woman and fraternizing with a subordinate on the post.

10. MAN SENT TO FEDERAL PRISON OVER THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY FROM FORT BRAGG

(The Fayetteville Observer (NC), June 9, F.T. Norton)

A former Fort Bragg purchasing agent was sent to federal prison Wednesday for steering government contacts to particular companies in exchange for cash and gifts for him and his wife.

11. COMMENTARY: THE CAPITOL RIOT AND THE PENTAGON

(The Wall Street Journal, June 9, The Editorial Board)

One notable finding is the report's assessment of the National Guard's three-hour delay in responding after police were overwhelmed. It paints a picture of a Pentagon caught in a political vise. The Department of Defense's "response to January 6 was informed by criticism it received about its response to the civil unrest after the murder of George Floyd during the summer of 2020," the report says.

READINESS:

12. ARMY SAYS MULTIYEAR BLACK HAWK PROCUREMENT COULD PRODUCE \$361.8M IN SAVINGS (Inside Defense, June 9, Jaspreet Gill)

The Army has sent Congress a legislative proposal asking to use a multiyear contract to buy UH/HH-60M Black Hawk helicopters beginning next fiscal year that could produce significant savings for the service.

13. TO US ARMY, GETTING WOMEN'S BODY ARMOR QUICKLY IS AN UNFUNDED PRIORITY (Defense One, June 9, Elizabeth Howe)

Fielding better-fitting body armor for female and small-statured service members has long been on the Defense Department's to-do list. Three years ago, female veterans in Congress introduced a bill to force the issue. On Monday, DOD leaders told Congress they now have the designs and enough money to start producing the gear—but the Army has requested another \$81 million to accelerate the program by three years.

14. PENTAGON TO SPEED UP CHINA DETERRENCE WORK UNDER ORDER FROM AUSTIN (The Wall Street Journal, June 9, Michael R. Gordon)

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin issued a directive to speed up work to develop the military forces to deter China and address Pentagon difficulties in carrying out a years-old strategy that called Beijing a principal threat.

15. DOD CHINA TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS DRIVING NEW PROTOTYPING FOCUS (Inside Defense, June 9, Tony Bertuca)

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin will begin personally overseeing joint experimentation and prototyping following recommendations from the China Task Force, according to senior defense officials.

16. EPA TO EXPAND CLEAN WATER PROTECTIONS TO SMALLER U.S. WATERWAYS, REVERSING TRUMP POLICY (CNBC, June 9, Emma Newburger)

The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army on Wednesday announced their intent to expand the number of waterways that receive protection under the Clean Water Act.

17. ARIZONA AG URGES SENATORS TO PUSH FOR MORE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT BORDER CRISIS (Fox News, June 9, Adam Shaw)

Arizona's attorney general on Tuesday urged the state's two senators to push for greater federal funding for the state to deal with the surge in migration at the southern border -- including more funding for the National Guard, as well as tougher interior enforcement.

18. BORDER GROUPS URGE CLOSING OF EMERGENCY INTAKE SHELTER FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN AT FORT BLISS

(El Paso Times (TX), June 9, Anthony Jackson)

El Paso border groups called for an end to migrant children being housed at emergency intake shelters at Fort Bliss during a protest Tuesday night.

19. COMMENTARY: WHAT DOES THE MARINE CORPS' RETURN TO THE SEA MEAN FOR THE ARMY?

(1945, June 9, Mackenzie Eaglen and Thomas Spoehr)

The U.S. Army is D.C.'s latest punching bag as the Indo-Pacific becomes the priority region for the Department of Defense. The Army's proposed budget as it moves from 2021 to 2022 goes down by \$7 billion. Policymakers question the service's relevance in Asia even as 27 chiefs of staff in the region are army officers, the Army National Guard is partnered with 10 regional countries, the service is the lead to deter Russia and North Korea, and it

performs many key support roles in Indo-Pacific concepts of operation such as communications and base defense.

MODERNIZATION:

20. ARMY SAYS 2025 TACTICAL NETWORK WILL MAKE JADC2 A REALITY

(C4ISRNET, June 9, Andrew Eversden)

Mobile command posts dot the battlefield. On-the-move units connect with new commercial satellite constellations but automatically pivot to other communications routes if interrupted by an adversary. Soldiers and systems on the ground communicate with waveforms that mask their locations while receiving up-to-date battlefield data to help make decisions.

21. ACADEMY TELLS ARMY TO STICK WITH FOSSIL FUELS; ALL-ELECTRIC VEHICLES NOT PRACTICAL

(National Defense Magazine, June 9, Yasmin Tadjdeh)

Battlefields of the future will require the Army to invest in a mix of energy sources, including jet propellant 8 (JP-8), diesel and renewable diesel, but all-electric vehicles are not yet practical — at least through 2035, according to a study undertaken by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

22. ARMY ASKS CONGRESS TO SLOW IFPC INCREMENT 2

(Inside Defense, June 9, Ethan Sterenfeld)

The Army has asked Congress to slow the pace at which the service must purchase and field the Indirect Fire Protection Capability Increment 2, the cruise missile defense system that would interface with the rest of the military's network and radars.

23. ANIMATED AIR FORCE VIDEO SHOWS DOWNING OF DRONES

(Albuquerque Journal (NM), June 9, Ryan Boetel)

After watching a THOR demonstration at Kirtland early this year, Army Lt. Gen. L. Neil Thurgood said the Army plans to invest in the system in partnership with the AFRL, with the goal of having enough THOR systems for a platoon to field test the weapon in 2024.

24. ARMY FLESHING OUT JOINT ALL-DOMAIN COMMAND, CONTROL

(National Defense Magazine, June 10, Yasmin Tadjdeh)

Facing complex battlefields in the future, the Army is hard at work developing a network of interconnected platforms that can rapidly send information to commanders and troops and link sensors and shooters.

SOCIAL MEDIA OBSERVANCES:

- 12 JUN: Women Veterans Day
- 14 JUN: Army Birthday and U.S. Flag Day
- 14 JUN: Infantry Corps Anniversary
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- 16 JUN: Corps of Engineers Anniversary
- 16 JUN: Finance Corps Anniversary
- 16 JUN: Quartermaster Corps Anniversary
- 17 JUN: Battle of Bunker Hill Begins
- 20 JUN: Father's Day
- 20 JUN: National American Eagle Day
- 21 JUN: Signal Corps Anniversary
- 27 JUN: PTSD Awareness Day
- 28 JUN: Chemical Corps Anniversary

JUNE DIGITAL MEDIA STRATEGY:

During June, Army communicators can prioritize messages about people, readiness and modernization in support of national security strategic guidance. With the execution of exercises like Defender Europe and African Lion, the Army is building and broadening our relationships with allies and partners. We have opportunities to tell key audiences about our Army heritage through the Army Birthday in June and Independence Day in July. We will also

communicate with internal audiences about the latest PCS news and safety information as we move into National Safety Month. The Army is committed to mitigating the effects of climate change, which can seriously affect our readiness. Finally, we continue to assist states with distributing COVID-19 vaccinations in communities.

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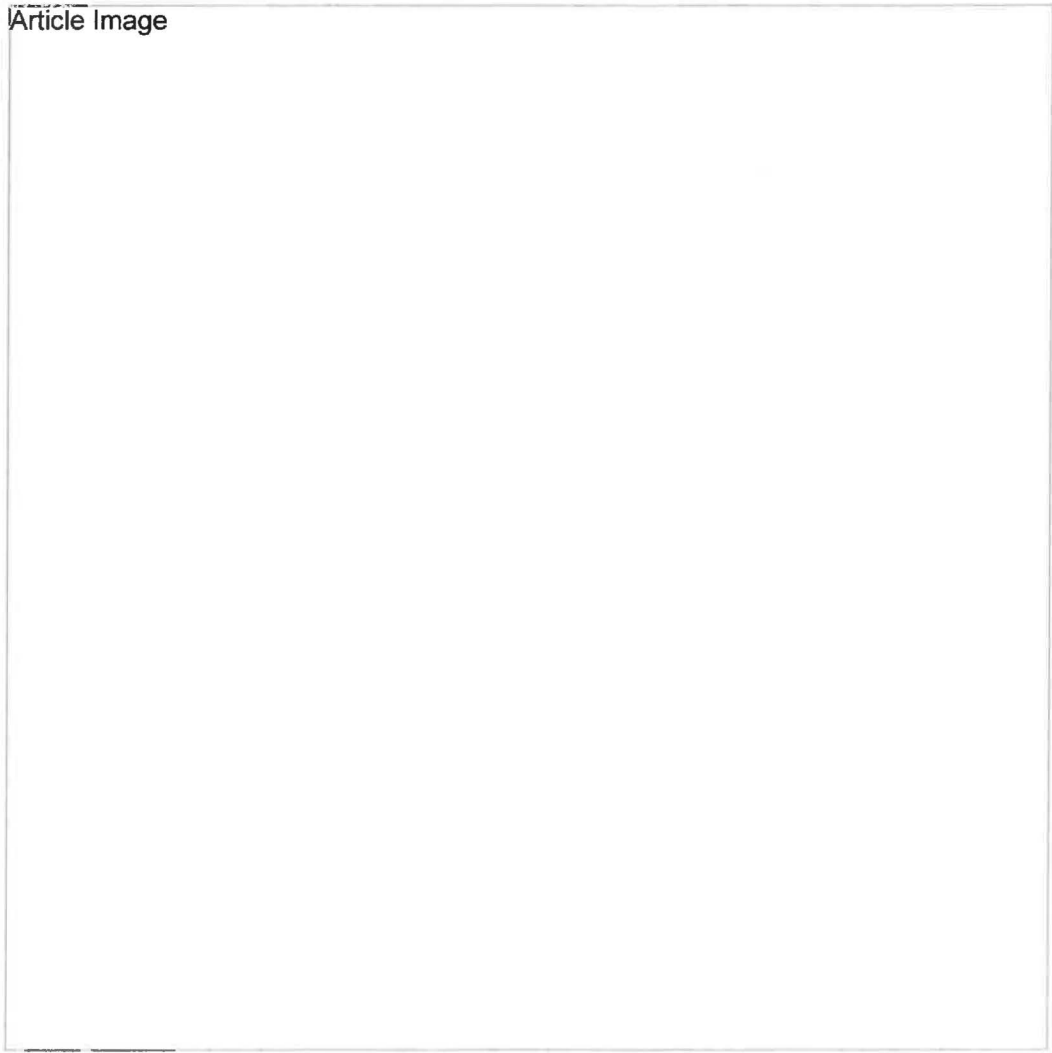


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Thank you for the support to the Class of 2021 this weekend. Your words at the banquet were inspiring, and as always, we enjoyed celebrating the graduating class with you.

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New DOD Policy for Transgender Military Service

<https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2557220/dod-announces-policy-updates-for-transgender-military-service/>

The 52nd Sandhurst Military Skills site is live, and updates are being made daily.

<https://www.westpoint.edu/military/departments-of-military-instruction/sandhurst>

DOD:

5 APR: LTG Leslie Smith, Inspector General of the Army, will participate in a livestreamed interview with Revivify Ministries Inc. on diversity and inclusion of women in the military.

7 APR: CSA GEN James McConville will participate in an interview with "Government Matters" (WJLA-TV, ABC 7) on People First priorities, the ACFT and the Army Talent Management Task Force.

Leading News:

"Fort Sill military instructors suspended after a soldier in training reports sexual assault"

Stars and Stripes, Apr. 1, Rose Thayer

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us/fort-sill-military-instructors-suspended-after-a-soldier-in-training-reports-sexual-assault-1.668131#:~:text=AUSTIN%2C%20Texas%20%E2%80%94%20Multiple%20members%20of,the%20Fires%20Center%20of%20Excellence.>

Multiple members of the training cadre at Fort Sill, Okla., were suspended this week after a soldier in training reported she was sexually assaulted at the base, said Maj. Gen. Ken Kamper, commander of the base and the Fires Center of Excellence.

"This past Saturday, a soldier assigned to Fort Sill reported she was the victim of sexual assault, involving Fort Sill cadre members. This information was immediately reported to law enforcement," Kamper said Thursday during a news conference.

Within hours, agents with Army Criminal Investigation Command, known as CID, began investigating the report and interviewing potential suspects and witnesses. Kamper declined to say exactly what day the soldier said the assault occurred, in what capacity the training personnel might have been involved or exactly how many personnel have been suspended because of the assault.

"Ring City USA To Return Live from The U.S. Military Academy At West Point"

NY Fights, Apr. 2, Brittany Andrews

<https://nyfights.com/worldwide/ring-city-usa-to-return-live-from-the-u-s-military-academy-at-west-point/>

Ring City USA, the new sports media startup that debuted its Thursday night boxing series in November 2020, will host its next live event from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. on Thursday, April 22. The event, which will be headlined by a matchup of two undefeated American heavyweights, will be televised on NBC Sports Network (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) with bonus undercard action streaming live around the world on Twitch. Armed Forces Network Europe and Pacific will make the broadcast available to U.S. Forces serving overseas on AFN TV.

“This will be the historic first-time professional bouts will occur at West Point,” said Ray Barone, Army West Point Boxing Coach. “We’ve been asked before, but never has a boxing event been brought to us the way Ring City and NBC has. We want to showcase the cadets. We want to demonstrate that amateur boxing when conducted properly is safe. And we hope that this will become an annual event.”

“US couple nabbed at NJ seaport, accused of trying to board ship to Yemen to fight for ISIS: Justice Department”

Fox News, Apr. 1, Brie Stimson

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/us-couple-nabbed-at-nj-seaport-accused-of-trying-to-board-ship-to-yemen-to-fight-for-isis-justice-department>

Following a multi-year investigation and the help of undercover officers, a husband and wife from New York and Alabama were arrested in New Jersey on Wednesday while allegedly attempting to travel overseas to fight with ISIS, the U.S. Justice Department said Thursday.

James Bradley, 20, of New York, and Arwa Muthana, 29, of Alabama, were arrested at a seaport in Newark and charged with attempting to provide support to a designated foreign terrorist organization.

Bradley had also discussed attacking the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., or another place where military recruits would train, along with his wife, who has allegedly also pledged her support to ISIS, Strauss said.

Senior Leaders:

“Nearly Half of DoD Employees Got More Productive When They Started Teleworking”

Military.com, Apr. 1, Stephen Losey

[Nearly Half of DoD Employees Got More Productive When They Started Teleworking | Military.com](#)

The Defense Department's abrupt and rocky shift to telework amid the coronavirus pandemic had an unexpected benefit: It did away with pointless meetings, office distractions and tiring commutes that sapped employees' and troops' productivity.

The Pentagon's inspector general said in a report released Thursday that 47% of respondents to a survey on teleworking practices reported that their productivity increased while working from home during the pandemic. Another 41% felt they were about as productive while teleworking as they were in the office, and nearly 12% felt their productivity slipped.

The transition to telework last March, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to erupt around the country, was vast -- and the Pentagon was not prepared.

US Army:

“Soldiers Can Now Wear Awards on Class B Version of New Army Green Uniform”

Military.com, Apr. 1, Matthew Cox

[Soldiers Can Now Wear Awards on Class B Version of New Army Green Uniform | Military.com](#)

Soldiers now have the option to wear their awards and decorations on the Class B version of the new Army Green Service Uniform, or AGSU, according to uniform officials.

The service sent an All Army Activities, or ALARACT, message to the force Wednesday detailing new wear guidelines for the Class B variation of the World War II-style AGSU, according to an Army news release.

The biggest change is that soldiers don't have to wear the AGSU jacket to show off their accomplishments.

"Army senior leadership agreed that soldiers throughout the Army should have the option to wear insignia and accoutrements on the AGSU Class B," Sgt. Maj. Brian Sanders, the Army G-1 uniform policy sergeant major, said in the release.

Sandhurst:

“Steel Battalion Army ROTC Advances to West Point’s National Sandhurst Competition”

Lehigh News, Apr. 2

<https://www2.lehigh.edu/news/steel-battalion-army-rotc-advances-to-west-points-national-sandhurst-competition>

A group of Lehigh cadets from the Steel Battalion Army ROTC recently won this year’s Ranger Challenge at Fort Dix, NJ, and will matriculate to West Point’s National Sandhurst Competition on April 17 and 18.

“As defending champions, I am extremely proud of the grit, teamwork, and leadership our Cadets displayed throughout this pandemic to eventually clinch the trophy, personifying our spirit of ‘Fight to Train’ this past year,” said Lieutenant Colonel John R. Abella, department chair and professor of military science and leadership.

“3rd ROTC Bde. cadets compete at Black Hawk Ranger Challenge”

My Guidon, Apr. 1, Sam Campbell

<https://www.myguidon.com/3rd-rotc-bde-cadets-compete-at-black-hawk-ranger-challenge/>

Ten teams of cadets from 3rd ROTC Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command, competed here this weekend in the Black Hawk Ranger Challenge — a two-day contest designed to test the future officers’ combat skills and general military knowledge.

On Friday and Saturday, cadets worked to achieve the best rating in numerous tasks, including: M4 rifle, M9 pistol and M320 grenade launcher marksmanship, weapon disassembly, hand grenade assault tactics, functional fitness, casualty care, rope-bridge crossing, call-for-fire operations, night land navigation and Fort Leonard Wood's Personal Endurance Course.

The cadets, representing six Midwest universities, were split into five nine-person teams, and five five-person teams. The nine-person team from Saint John's University, Minnesota, won the competition and the nine-person team from Marquette University, Wisconsin, placed runner-up. Both teams — that placed in the same respective slots at the last Black Hawk Ranger Challenge — will go on to represent the brigade in New York at West Point's Sandhurst Military Skills Competition April 17 and 18.

Admissions:

“Cecil County student to attend United States Military Academy at West Point”

Cecil Daily, Apr. 1, Matt Hooke

https://www.cecildaily.com/news/local_news/cecil-county-student-to-attend-united-states-military-academy-at-west-point/article_8e2653f8-cbad-50c1-b547-ab3e63551731.html

ELKTON — For Cecil County 18-year-old Coleman Mixon, going to the United States Military Academy at West Point has deep family roots.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“For Aspiring Transgender Recruits, Pentagon's New Policies Mean 'Dreams Coming True'”

Military.com, Apr. 1, Stephen Losey

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/04/01/aspiring-transgender-recruits-pentagons-new-policies-mean-dreams-coming-true.html>

Paulo Batista, a 36-year-old transgender man in San Diego, California, has wanted to serve in the military ever since he was in ROTC in high school.

But that dream always seemed out of reach. First, his father became ill from the cancer that eventually proved fatal, and Batista had to forgo joining the military to take care of him. Then, in 2017, then-President Donald Trump issued a surprise announcement that sought to bar transgender people from serving in the military.

On Wednesday, though, Batista -- and many other transgender people like him who want to join the military -- got another chance at wearing the uniform when the Pentagon officially restored its previous policies allowing troops who are transgender or gender-dysphoric to enlist and serve in the armed forces.

Covid:

“Vaccine Refusal Rate at 3% Among Veterans, Slightly Higher in Rural Areas”

Stars and Stripes, Apr. 1, Nikki Wentling

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/04/01/vaccine-refusal-rate-3-among-veterans-slightly-higher-rural-areas.html>

WASHINGTON – About 3% of veterans have refused coronavirus vaccines when offered them by the Department of Veterans Affairs – an amount lower than the agency anticipated, a VA official said Thursday.

The refusal rate is slightly higher in less populated areas, equating to 4% among veterans in rural places and 5% in areas designated as highly rural. Refusal rates are lower among the populations of Black and Hispanic veterans.

Sports:

“Army football opens spring camp seeking clarity within veteran lineup”

Times Herald-Record, Apr. 2, Ken McMillian

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/04/01/army-football-opens-spring-practice-with-enthusiasm-plenty-of-talent/4836522001/>

WEST POINT – A year of uncertainty behind them, Army football players came out on the opening day of spring practice on Wednesday much as coach Jeff Monken expected.

“The first day, everybody's going to be charged up and enthusiastic and excited,” said Monken, preparing his team for the fall 2021 season, which will be his eighth on the sideline. “I really, really felt like we had great enthusiasm today, as we should, and we should have it every day. We should have it Friday when we come back out there again, the opportunity to be out there and get better.”

“It felt really good to be back out there,” said quarterback Tyhier Tyler, “so good to be back taking snaps.”

The Black Knights raised the bar with a stellar 9-2 regular-season record, winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy with victories over Navy and Air Force, and earning a Liberty Bowl appearance against West Virginia, a 24-21 loss.

“Grayson to Represent Army West Point in State Farm College 3-Point Championships”

Patriot League, Apr. 1

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/4/1/mens-basketball-grayson-to-represent-army-west-point-in-state-farm-college-3-point-championships.aspx>

INDIANAPOLIS - Senior guard Lonnie Grayson of Army West Point men's basketball has been selected to the Men's 3-Point Championship roster for the 32nd annual State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships at Hinkle Fieldhouse on the Butler University Campus in Indianapolis on Thursday, April 1. Grayson is one of eight players selected for the event that will air live on ESPN2 at 9 p.m. ET.

The senior from Cincinnati, Ohio is a sharpshooter from deep, who ranks 10th on the Army career made three-pointers list with 169 in 102 career games. In 2021 he averaged 12.5 points, and 5.2 rebounds while shooting 33% from deep (53-of-161). He tallied eight made three-pointers vs. Central Connecticut State (8-for-12), tying for second-most in a single game in program history. His strong senior campaign guided Army West Point to its first postseason appearance since 2015-16 and he was rewarded by being named Second Team all Patriot League. Grayson, who served as a team captain, has branched Air Defense Artillery and his

first duty station is Fort Hood, Texas.

Alumni:

“Army Ranger who survived violent crash that put him into a coma on new mission to give back to Starkville and inspire others to never give up”

WCBI, Apr. 1, Stephen Pimpo

<https://www.wcbi.com/army-ranger-who-survived-violent-crash-that-put-him-into-a-coma-on-new-mission-to-give-back-to-starkville-and-inspire-others-to-never-give-up/>

STARKVILLE, Miss. (WCBI) – From Starkville to West Point Military Academy to deployment in Afghanistan, Cpt. Matt Savage never thought he would end up moving back to his hometown.

But a motorcycle crash in 2018 changed everything for the former sharpshooter.

“I would have never thought that the human body could have lived through what mine went through,” he said. The body that was in a coma. And then I woke up.”

Now retired, Savage may be a civilian, but the Army Ranger veteran is still finding ways to serve his country.

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<https://www.westpoint.edu/military/departments-of-military-instruction/sandhurst>

DOD:

8-9 APR: Mr. Christopher Lowman, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will travel to Detroit, Michigan, to receive updates from PEO Ground Combat Systems, PEO Combat Support and Service Systems, the NGCV CFT and the DEVCOM Ground Vehicle Systems Center. Mr. Lowman will also engage with Industry partners during his visit. (Media tentative)

9 APR: Hon. John Whitley, acting Secretary of the Army, will participate in a podcast with the XVIII Airborne Corps on combating extremism in the Army and improving service culture.

9 APR: GEN John M. Murray, CG of AFC, will host the Joint Requirements Oversight Council in Austin, Texas. (Media invited)

9 APR: SMA Michael Grinston and MG Kevin Vereen, CG of USAREC, will participate in a Facebook Live Recruiter Awards Ceremony to support accessions and excellence in recruiting efforts.

12 APR: CSA GEN James McConville will participate in a virtual Washington Post live event on the future of the Army, where he will discuss modernization initiatives and readiness with reporter David Ignatius.

Leading News:

"Rep. Waltz slams West Point 'White rage' instruction: Enemy's ammo 'doesn't care about race, politics'"

Fox News, Apr. 8, Tucker Carlson

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rep-michael-waltz-slams-west-point-white-rage-instruction-enemys-ammo-doesnt-care-about-race-politics>

Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., a Green Beret and Afghan War veteran, warned of dangerous consequences for the U.S. military's effectiveness and abilities if reported anti-White critical race theory curriculum continues to be taught to cadets at West Point Military Academy.

Waltz reacted Thursday on "Tucker Carlson Tonight" after host Tucker Carlson reported under Superintendent Darryl Williams, cadets at the Hudson Valley military institution are mandated to go through controversial trainings, to which the host mentioned a classroom slide labeled "White Power at West Point," -- which reportedly gave one example of such as a

comment made by a cadet in opposition to Affirmative Action.

Another example Carlson said Waltz had obtained is evidence of a lecture entitled "Understanding Whiteness and White Rage" -- which the host called "a pure racial attack." Waltz said he received documents from cadets and their families who are "disturbed" at the radical shift at West Point.

"Naval Academy midshipman dismissed, imprisoned after guilty conviction for child pornography possession"

Capital Gazette, Apr. 8, Heather Mongilo

<https://www.capitalgazette.com/education/naval-academy/ac-cn-naval-academy-matthew-mosley-20210408-3penxgayq5gprelip353v2vjcy-story.html>

A Naval Academy midshipman was sentenced to 20 months in Naval prison and dismissed from the Naval Academy after being found guilty of child pornography possession.

Matthew A. Mosley was convicted on possession of child pornography, obstructing justice and desertion, according to the certified record of trial. He was sentenced to 20 months in prison, with 280 days already served, in November 2020.

He was sentenced to one-month confinement for the desertion charge, 18 months for the obstruction of justice charge and 20 months for the possession of child pornography. All sentences run concurrently, meaning he will serve no longer than 20 months.

Mosley is currently serving his time at the Naval Consolidated Brig Chesapeake, according to a post-trial action document signed by Naval Academy Superintendent Vice Adm. Sean Buck on March 9, 2021.

Senior Leaders:

"New Pentagon Panel to Address Issue of Sexual Assault in Military"

Voice of America, Apr. 8, Maxim Moskalkov

<https://www.voanews.com/episode/new-pentagon-panel-address-issue-sexual-assault-military-4651841>

U.S. Senator Kristen Gillibrand has called sexual assault in the military an epidemic. The Pentagon says it is working to tackle the issue, starting with an independent review of the problem.

"National Guard urges U.S. to follow health measures as military races to vaccinate population"

CNBC, Apr. 8, Amanda Macias

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/08/national-guard-urges-us-to-follow-health-measures-as-military-races-to-vaccinate-population.html>

WASHINGTON — National Guard leaders on Thursday called for people in the U.S. keep adhering to Covid-19 mitigation measures as the military races to vaccinate the population.

"We're excited to follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] science that tells us what the smart thing is to continue to protect the civilians around us," U.S. Air Force Col.

Russell Kohl, commander of the 131st Medical Group for the Missouri National Guard, told CNBC when asked if there were concerns of more states relaxing guidance.

"You'll still see us social distancing, you'll still see us in masks and you'll see us trying to encourage as many folks as possible to get the vaccine because I think it really is a multi-step process for us to get through this pandemic and get back to any sort of normalcy, to the extent that there will be such a thing as normalcy as opposed to a new normal," Kohl added.

US Army:

"Army Wants to Replace the Cold War-Era TOW Missile with a New Longer-Range Tank Killer"

Military.com, Apr. 8, Matthew Cox

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/04/08/army-wants-replace-cold-war-era-tow-missile-new-longer-range-tank-killer.html>

U.S. Army maneuver officials at Fort Benning, Georgia, want to replace the venerable tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided, or TOW, missile with an advanced projectile that can kill enemy tanks at more than twice the range.

The Army fielded the first TOW missile system in 1970. It was initially wire-guided, so soldiers had to remain stationary and vulnerable to the enemy as the missile tracked to the target. The current TOW, which has a range of about 3,750 meters, has a fire-and-forget operation.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Effort underway to give WWI's Harlem Hellfighters the recognition they deserve"

WABC, Apr. 8

<https://abc7ny.com/harlem-hellfires-369th-infantry-regiment-congressional-gold-medal-tom-suozzi/10498083/>

HARLEM, Manhattan (WABC) -- Congressman Tom Suozzi was joined by Harlem leaders Thursday to announce he is introducing legislation that would award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 369th Infantry Regiment, better known as the Harlem Hellfighters.

The Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act would bestow what Suozzi calls long-overdue recognition of the bravery and outstanding service of Harlem Hellfighters during World War I.

"They never lost an inch of ground," Suozzi said. "Suffered many injuries but never had anyone taken as a POW."

The Harlem Hellfighters were a Black infantry regiment in WWI that spent more time in combat than any other American regiment.

Dean:

"The Citadel faces West Point, Annapolis and other military schools in NSA cyber challenge"

The Post and Courier, Apr. 8,

https://www.postandcourier.com/militarydigest/the-citadel-faces-west-point-annapolis-and-other-military-schools-in-nsa-cyber-challenge/article_ffb06f40-9883-11eb-bced-0b87e4353165.html

The Citadel began a three-day competition on April 8 hosted by the National Security Agency that pits the country's military colleges and service academies against each other in intense cyber security simulations.

The NSA's National Cyber Exercise allows future service members and cadets to experience real-life examples of digital problems the military faces. This marks the first year The Citadel has been invited to compete for the title and trophy.

Schools participating in this year's exercise include the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Norwich University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, University of North Georgia and The Citadel.

Covid:

"All defense personnel, families eligible for coronavirus vaccines starting April 19"

Stars and Stripes, Apr. 8, Caitlin M. Kenney

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us/all-defense-personnel-families-eligible-for-coronavirus-vaccines-starting-april-19-1.668986>

WASHINGTON — All service members and Defense Department beneficiaries will be eligible for a vaccine appointment by April 19, despite the lag in vaccines for people serving overseas, defense officials said Thursday.

The Defense Department's decision follows President Joe Biden's announcement Tuesday that all American adults will be eligible for a vaccine on that date, Army Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, the director of the Defense Health Agency, said during a briefing at the Pentagon.

About 40% of military vaccination sites already have opened appointments to people in the last tier or "phase 2," which includes a younger, healthier population, he said. Even with eligibility for vaccination opened to all, the tier system will not be going away.

"A next-gen Army COVID vaccine you've never heard of has just begun human trials"

ABC News, Apr. 8

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/gen-army-covid-vaccine-heard-begun-human-trials/story?id=76901332>

As more than 100 million Americans were needled and inoculated against COVID-19 with doses produced by pharmaceutical powerhouses like Pfizer and Moderna, a scrappy team of scientists in an Army lab just outside the nation's capital quietly continued manipulating proteins, testing monkeys and working to conceive a vaccine of the future.

Sports:

"Army's Spencer Jones making most of his opportunities at linebacker"

Times Herald-Record, Apr. 8, Ken McMillian

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/04/08/army-freshman-linebacker-spencer-jones-heads-into-second-season-with-lots-of-experience/7139136002/>

Spencer Jones seized the opportunities afforded to him as a freshman with the Army football team, and that could give him a competitive edge as the coaches fill some big needs at linebacker.

Jones played eight games at the three linebacker spots, and even made a surprise start in the Liberty Bowl against West Virginia when starter Jon Rhattigan was sidelined by COVID. Jones rewarded his coaches' confidence with five tackles and an assist in the loss to the Mountaineers.

"It was definitely a shock ... the (West Virginia) guys are a lot bigger than what I've been used to (facing)," Jones said. "The guys around me really kind of bonded around me and made sure that I knew what I was doing and have the faith in me."

"No one wants the triple option. No one can explain why."

Banner Society, Apr. 8, Steven Godfrey

<https://www.bannersociety.com/2021/4/8/22374803/kansas-jayhawks-football-2021-big-12-army-navy-georgia-southern-triple-option>

The first thing I heard about the Kansas football coaching search was, down to the specific words, exactly what I expected to hear:

"A lot of their influential people don't want to run the triple option."

The option in question belongs to Army head coach Jeff Monken, one of three names tied to the search since KU hired new athletic director Travis Goff. The other two are Tulane's Willie Fritz and Buffalo's Lance Leipold.

I've encountered this sentiment in the wilds of college football gossip before. Whenever I do, I ask a booster or A.D. or power broker to play a hypothetical game, wherein their school runs the triple, wins games, eventually wins more games, and is deemed a successful, winning program ... that runs the triple.

"Nope. Still don't want it," is always the response.

This is my real issue with triple-option loathing: No one can explain exactly why they hate it in football terms. And when they're unwilling to accept its success, even in a hypothetical, it means they're preoccupied with outside perception, not with winning football games.

"Fast-Improving Wes Tate Commits To Army West Point (2021)"

SwimSwam, Apr. 8, Karl Ortegon

<https://swimswam.com/fast-improving-wes-tate-commits-to-army-west-point-2021/>

Prime Aquatics' Wes Tate has committed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for this coming fall. He's a senior at Maryville High School in Tennessee.

TOP TIMES (SCY)

100 free – 47.50

200 free – 1:40.67

500 free – 4:35.51

Tate specializes in mid-distance freestyle, with the 200 free and 500 free his best events right now.

Since the pandemic hit, Tate has made significant time drops. As of March 2020, his lifetime bests in the 100/200/500 free were 49.41/1:44.61/4:41.10, so he's taken over five seconds off of his 500, almost four off of his 200 and almost two off of his 100. His bests in those three events all came at the Southeastern LSC Championships in February.

“North Jersey's Male Athlete of the Week leans on technical acumen in pursuit of history”

NorthJersey.com, Apr. 8, Sean Farrell

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/sports/high-school/athlete-of-the-week/2021/04/08/record-male-athlete-week-justin-chrostowski-butler/7079342002/>

Justin Chrostowski has come a long way on the mat. He'll go to even greater lengths for his country.

The senior from Butler will begin a 12-year commitment next season after deciding to wrestle at West Point. Chrostowski is interested in computer science and cyber operations (he goes to Morris County School of Technology) and was drawn to the opportunity to lead.

But before the straight-A student heads up north, he has a mission to take care of back home. He wants to become the first state medalist from Butler since Anthony Leardi in 2002. After bulking up this offseason, he is feeling more confident on the mat.

Alumni:

“FOX News Media Signs Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to Contributor Role”

Street Insider, Apr. 8

<https://www.streetinsider.com/Business+Wire/FOX+News+Media+Signs+Former+Secretary+of+State+Mike+Pompeo+to+Contributor+Role/18239529.html>

FOX News Media has signed former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as a contributor, announced its CEO Suzanne Scott. Pompeo, a diplomat, public servant, entrepreneur and attorney, will offer analysis across all FOX News Media platforms, including FNC and FOX Business Network's (FBN) daytime and primetime programming. He will make his first appearance on Friday's FOX & Friends.

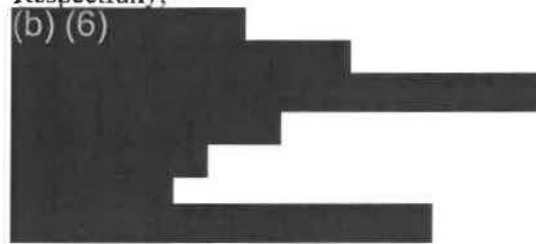
In making the announcement, Ms. Scott said, “Mike Pompeo is one of America's most recognized and respected voices on foreign policy and national security issues. I look forward to his contributions across our range of platforms to share his distinct perspective with our millions of viewers.”

After graduating first in his class at United States Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Pompeo served as a cavalry officer patrolling the border between East and West Germany during the Cold War.

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Leading News:

“Orange County soldier dies in Mendon helicopter crash”

Times Herald-Record, Jan. 21, Matt Spillane

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/news/local/2021/01/22/orange-county-soldier-dies-mendon-helicopter-crash/6668284002/>

An Orange County resident was among the three soldiers who died in a helicopter crash in Mendon on Wednesday night, Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus said.

"At least one of the individuals is from Orange County," Neuhaus said during his daily COVID-19 briefing on Thursday night. "It is definitely hitting home."

Neuhaus said he knows the identity of the victim, but he did not reveal that. None of the three victims have been publicly identified yet.

Senior Leaders:

“House And Senate Approve Waiver For Lloyd Austin, Biden's Pick To Head Pentagon”

NPR, Jan. 21, Braktkton Booker

<https://www.npr.org/sections/president-biden-takes-office/2021/01/21/959232498/house-approves-waiver-for-lloyd-austin-bidens-pick-to-head-pentagon>

The House of Representatives and Senate approved a waiver Thursday for retired Army Gen. Lloyd Austin to serve as President Biden's defense secretary. Both votes were overwhelming and bipartisan.

Normally the House has no role in confirming Cabinet secretaries. But Austin retired from the military four years ago, short of the seven years required by law to take the civilian job without a waiver from both houses of Congress.

A Senate vote on Austin's confirmation is expected as soon as Friday.

“Biden’s Defense Secretary Pick an Accomplished Commander, Devout Catholic”

The Tablet, Jan. 21, Bill Miller

<https://thetablet.org/bidens-defense-secretary-pick-an-accomplished-commander-devout-catholic/>

WINDSOR TERRACE — Say the name “Gen. Lloyd Austin,” and people might say, “Who?”

Then ask if they’ve heard of “the thunder run into Baghdad,” the troop “surge” in Iraq, the troop drawdown in Iraq, and the Obama Administration’s handling of ISIS. Austin, now a retired four-star Army general, played vital roles in each of those missions.

He is the first African American to lead the U.S. Central Command, and if President Joe Biden gets his way, Austin will be the first African American to serve as the nation’s secretary of defense. Congress on Thursday, Jan. 21, voted to approve a waiver to allow him to be considered for confirmation since he has been retired for only four years, not the required seven.

Catholic faith steadied and strengthened throughout it all, Austin said in an interview at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), his alma mater. “My faith,” he said, “has been a strong part of my development over the years.”

US Army:

“Army changes account of key phone call on response to Capitol riot”

CNN, Jan. 21, Oren Liebermann, Barbara Starr and Ellie Kaufman

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/21/politics/army-changes-account-capitol-riot-call/index.html>

The US Army has changed its account of a key phone call that took place on January 6 as rioters stormed the US Capitol. More than two weeks after the riot, the Army put forward two senior generals to speak with reporters Thursday to explain their roles on that afternoon after conflicting accounts of what took place circulated.

They changed their explanation soon after the Department of Defense acknowledged that one of the generals who spoke to reporters, Lt. Gen. Charles Flynn -- the brother of President Donald Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn -- was in the room for one of the key January 6 phone calls.

The shifting accounts are only likely to increase scrutiny on the Pentagon, which is already trying to rebut accusations that it denied or delayed the deployment of additional troops as the riot worsened on Capitol Hill, eventually leaving five dead, including a Capitol Police officer. A Washington, DC, official called the process of calling up more guardsmen “long” and “tortured.”

“Army now acknowledges the brother of Michael Flynn was a part of Army response to Capitol riot”

CNN, Jan. 21, Oren Liebermann and Barbara Starr

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/21/politics/michael-flynn-brother-capitol-hill-riot/index.html>

The Army is now acknowledging that Lt. Gen. Charles Flynn, the brother of President Donald Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn, was in the room for one of the key January 6 phone calls in which DC government and US Capitol Police were asking for National Guard troops to quell the unfolding violence at the US Capitol.

The decision-making has come under scrutiny as city and Capitol Police officials have alleged that the Pentagon was slow to respond, while the Pentagon and Army maintain they never

denied or delayed requests for the National Guard.

In official timelines released by the Department of Defense in the wake of the riot, Charles Flynn, the deputy chief of staff of the Army, was not listed as participating in any of the calls that day about mobilizing the National Guard to respond to the riot.

The Washington Post was the first to report Flynn's participation in the call.

“Army chief teases new Arctic strategy”

Defense News, Jan. 21, Jen Judson

<https://www.defensenews.com/land/2021/01/21/army-chief-teases-new-arctic-strategy/>

WASHINGTON — Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville teased a virtual audience by discussing the recently completed Arctic strategy and emphasizing it would provide the U.S. with capabilities to compete and deter conflict in the region.

The Army's strategy recognizes “where our national interests are,” McConville said during an Association of the U.S. Army virtual event on Jan. 19, “and we certainly have and share national interests up in the Arctic.”

The “situation” is changing in the Arctic, he said, “and there's more freedom of movement. We certainly want to make sure we protect our interests there and what we are doing in the Army and, certainly, as we look at Alaska, which sits in a very prominent place in the Arctic, we want to have the appropriate capabilities offered from the Army so that we can protect those interests.”

Those capabilities include transforming a two-star headquarters into an operational headquarters, McConville said.

“Watch These 2 Athletes Get Wrecked by the U.S. Army Combat Fitness Test”

Men's Health, Jan. 21, Phillip Ellis

<https://www.menshealth.com/fitness/a35278902/army-combat-fitness-test-buttery-bros-youtube/>

The U.S. Army Physical Fitness Test (PFT) has become a popular go-to challenge for YouTube, but the simple combination of situps, pushups and running has been deemed an inadequate assessment of an individual's functional fitness.

In a recent video, Heebs and Mars, aka YouTube's Buttery Bros, spent a day with the U.S. Army Warrior Fitness Team undergoing the Army Combat Fitness Test (CFT), a new six-event assessment which is in the process of being rolled out across the Army as the new test of record, replacing the existing Physical Fitness Test (PFT).

The first event, the hex-bar deadlift, is a test of raw strength. Participants have to achieve a 3-rep max at a weight of 140 pounds or higher, with 340 pounds considered a “perfect” score. Both X and Y pass this round.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Biden ends ban on federally-funded diversity training in the military”

Radio, Jan. 21, Elizabeth Howe

<https://www.radio.com/connectingvets/news/biden-ends-ban-federally-funded-military-diversity-training>

Among President Joe Biden's first actions in office was the removal of former-President Donald Trump's ban on federally-funded diversity training, including within the military and Department of Veterans Affairs.

In September of last year, Trump ordered his administration to stop paying for critical race theory diversity training in federal agencies. Weeks later, he expanded that ban to explicitly include training for the U.S. military, government contractors and other federal grantees.

Local COVID:

“How NY’s COVID-19 vaccine rollout derailed — and where it stands now”

NY Post, Jan. 21, Nolan Hicks and Aaron Feis

<https://nypost.com/2021/01/21/how-new-yorks-covid-19-vaccine-rollout-derailed/>

More than a month after a Queens nurse became the first American to receive the coronavirus vaccine, New York’s inoculation rollout has slowed to a crawl, with stockpiles of the shots drying up.

On Thursday, the state announced it had used up 93 percent of the doses it has received so far — while the city postponed appointments when new stock didn’t come in this week.

Here’s a look at where New York’s vaccination efforts stand now, and how they went off track.

“No COVID-19 deaths two consecutive days in Orange County”

Times Herald-Record, Jan. 21, Mike Randall

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/news/local/2021/01/21/covid-19-numbers-orange-sullivan-ulster-counties/4243872001/>

For the second day in a row, Orange County reported no new deaths due to COVID-19 on Thursday.

COVID-19 cases continue to challenge communities throughout the Hudson Valley.

Here is the latest county-by-county coronavirus data for the region.

Orange County's COVID-19 death toll remained at 656 on Thursday, as no new deaths were reported. This was the second day in a row with no new deaths. The county did report that 328 more residents tested positive for the virus, which raised their total during the pandemic to 29,406.

Sports:

“Navy looks to extend streak vs Army”

Lancaster Online, Jan. 21,

<https://lancasteronline.com/sports/basketball/college/navy-looks-to-extend-streak-vs->

[army/article_6e93782a-61fb-5f38-ae94-5cbda63e3e53.html](https://www.army.com/article_6e93782a-61fb-5f38-ae94-5cbda63e3e53.html)

Army (8-3, 4-2) vs. Navy (9-1, 6-0)

Alumni Hall, Annapolis, Maryland; Saturday, 2:30 p.m. EST

BOTTOM LINE: Navy looks for its seventh straight conference win against Army. Navy's last Patriot League loss came against the Boston University Terriers 69-63 on March 5, 2020. Army won 76-65 at Boston University in its last outing.

SUPER SENIORS: Army has relied heavily on its seniors. Josh Caldwell, Lonnie Grayson, Alex King and Nick Finke have collectively accounted for 57 percent of the team's scoring this year and 65 percent of all Black Knights points over the team's last five games.

“Holy Cross men's hockey falls to Army, 3-2”

Telegram & Gazette, Jan. 21

<https://www.telegram.com/story/sports/2021/01/21/holy-cross-mens-hockey-falls-army-3-2/6665921002/>

WORCESTER — Freshman Jack Ricketts and junior Anthony Vincent scored in the first period to give Holy Cross a 2-0 lead Thursday night, but Army responded with goals in each period to hand the Crusaders a 3-2 loss, HC's fourth straight, in an Atlantic Hockey game at the Hart Center.

The teams meet again at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hart Center in the second of a two-game series.

Ricketts scored his first collegiate goal 4:06 into the game, assisted by junior Ryan Leibold and senior Logan Ferguson. Vincent converted on the first of two HC power plays at 12:26, with sophomore Alex Peterson and Leibold assisting, and the Crusaders (4-6) had their two-goal lead.

“Amarillo forward Fensterstock makes NCAA DI commitment”

NAHL News, Jan. 21

<http://nahl.com/news/story.cfm?id=30795>

The Amarillo Bulls of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) are proud to announce that Top Prospects forward Cooper Fensterstock has committed to play NCAA Division I hockey at Army-West Point next season.

The 6'0/180 lbs. native of Charlotte, North Carolina is currently in his third year playing in the NAHL with the Bulls. Through his first 15 games of the 2020-21 season, Fensterstock leads the team with 14 points (2 goals, 12 assists).

“I’m really excited to commit to West Point. I think it’s an unbelievable opportunity for me to grow as a student-athlete and as a person,” Fensterstock said. Fensterstock is the seventh player on this year’s roster to commit to playing collegiate hockey next season.

“Hula Bowl, All-Star Game Featuring NFL Draft Prospects Set To Air On CBS Sports Network January 31”

CBS, Jan. 21, Ryan Mayer

<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2021/01/21/hula-bowl-cbs-sports-network-january-31/>

While college football season is over, the year is far from done for players looking to make the jump to the NFL level. For many players, the draft process includes playing in an All-Star game with the opportunity to impress scouts from across the league. One such game, that has been running since 1946, will be airing on CBS Sports Network this year.

The Hula Bowl, held at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii, features 80 of the top college prospects from across the country as well as Japan, Canada and Australia. CBS Sports Network will have the coverage of the game on Sunday, January 31 at 9:30 p.m. EST. The full list of players can be seen on the Hula Bowl site, but it includes players from national champion Alabama, SEC foe Auburn, Army West Point, the Naval Academy, Coastal Carolina and of course, the hometown University of Hawaii.

“Huskies Announce Spring Schedule”

UConn News, Jan. 21

<https://uconnhuskies.com/news/2021/1/21/womens-tennis-huskies-announce-spring-schedule>

STORRS, Conn. - The UConn women's tennis team announced their 2021 spring schedule with the Huskies set to host 11 matches as they make their return to the Big East.

The Huskies will open the year on February 20 with a trip up to Army West Point. They will host the Black Knights on March 5 in their first of five matches to be played at their indoor home the Magic Lincer Tennis Academy in Manchester, Conn. UConn will also play host to Sacred Heart (Mar. 10), Siena (Mar. 13), Quinnipiac (Mar. 17) and Boston University (Mar. 20) on the indoor courts.

Alumni:

“Colorado Springs Movers & Shakers”

The Gazette, Jan. 21

https://gazette.com/business/colorado-springs-movers-shakers/article_4d095e40-5c30-11eb-9c69-5b4c4b92ed5e.html

Andy Merritt has joined The O’Neil Group Company of Colorado Springs as chief strategy officer. He had been state director for former U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colorado, chief defense industry officer for the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC and served on the staff of former U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, former U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard and former U.S. Sen. Hank Brown, all Colorado Republicans. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and served in the U.S. Army.

Other:

“Air Force Academy to produce more officers for Space Force”

SpaceNews, Jan. 21, Sandra Erwin

<https://spacenews.com/air-force-academy-to-produce-more-officers-for-space-force/>

<https://www.airforcemag.com/more-usafa-cadets-headed-for-space-force-in-2021/>

WASHINGTON — As many as 116 graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy this year will join the U.S. Space Force. That is an increase from last year when 86 graduates went to the

space service.

The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is working to become a space academy as well, Superintendent Lt. Gen. Richard Clark said Jan. 21.

Cadets at the academy can choose to serve in the Air Force or the Space Force after they graduate. Speaking on a Mitchell Institute webcast, Clark said he estimates 116 cadets from a graduating class of about 1,000 this year will go to the Space Force. That number is set based on how many officers the Space Force needs.

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Your weekly 1-minute snapshot of Cadet Summer Training #CST60:
<https://www.westpoint.edu/military/departments-of-military-instruction/cadet-summer-training>

DOD:

1 JUL: CSA GEN James McConville will conduct a pre-recorded interview with ABC's "Good Morning America" to highlight the Army's commitment to taking care of its people and defending the nation, while recognizing the courage and sacrifices of all military service members and veterans (expected to air 5 JUL).

1-2 JUL: GEN Paul E. Funk II, CG of TRADOC, will serve as the parade grand marshal during the Montana Independence Day Extravaganza in the city of Roundup, and will also engage with local media outlets.

1 JUL: LTG Donnie Walker, DCG of AMC and Redstone Arsenal senior commander, will make remarks and participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside Alabama Governor Kay Ivey for an upgraded Alabama Veterans Museum in Athens, Alabama.

1 JUL: Dr. James Helis, director of the Army Resilience Directorate, will be interviewed by Tom Vanden Brook (USA Today) regarding suicide and Army efforts to prevent it.

Leading News:

"A rite of passage for West Point cadets: 'R Day'"

Spectrum News, June 20, Olivia Leach

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/hudson-valley/human-interest/2021/06/30/west-point-class-of-2025-r-day>

Monday was Reception Day, or "R Day," for the Class of 2025 cadet candidates at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

After goodbyes with parents, the group began the process of transforming from a civilian into a member of the United States military.

"Being excited and being nervous is the same thing, it's just how you choose to interpret it so I'm trying to be excited, as much as I can," said Harrison Wepener, a West Point cadet candidate.

Wepener is from Missouri and says he's ready to serve his country.

"Nothing is going to make me a better leader than the military," said Wepener. "Nothing's gonna make me a better leader in life, for my country, and that's what I wanted was to be the

best leader I can be."

Forty-one percent of the Class of 2025 comes from diverse backgrounds, and a quarter of them are women. More than 1,200 new cadets are coming from each of the 50 states and 16 foreign countries.

After boarding buses, they headed into campus to begin their transformation.

Part of the day is learning what it's like to become a cadet, including the marches and discipline that will be required of them over the next four years.

Candidates get fitted for uniforms and pick up their gear for the first time. It's a fast-paced process.

Reagan Killebrew is from Memphis, Tenn., and for her, this is a dream come true.

"Definitely, [a] desire to serve and do something greater than myself, and it's just an incredible opportunity," said Killebrew.

"Class of 2025 welcomed at West Point"

Mid Hudson News, July 1, Paul Ostrander

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2021/07/01/class-of-2025-welcomed-at-west-point/>

WEST POINT – The U.S. Military Academy at West Point welcomed 1,225 cadet candidates for the Class of 2025, this week on their annual R-Day.

R-Day, or Reception Day, marks the introduction of new cadets to military life and begins their basic training as soon as they arrive on campus.

Cadets are fitted for their uniforms, issued their gear, receive their first marching training, physical evaluations, report to the Cadet in the Red Sash, and receive haircuts.

This year, cadets were selected out of a pool of approximately 14,000 applicants. Of the incoming cadets, 41 percent were minorities (504), 302 women, 10 were combat veterans and 16 were international attendees under the sponsorship of their respective countries.

Cadet Basic Training Commander (First Detail), Class of 2022's Donovan Hinton relayed what is most important for these new cadets, called Plebes, to know upon entering the academy.

"If I was to give one piece of advice, it's to have a growth mindset," said Hinton. "You will have many challenges that come your way at the academy, but it's ok to fail. The main thing to understand is whether it's academic, physical, military, or social to have the idea that you want to be better than when you started yesterday. But also, to have the idea that it should be fun because competition is there and it's very prevalent, but when you're trying to influence others to do the same as you that's what's going to inspire to stay along the way," he said.

US Army:

"House Panel Proposes \$1M to Start Renaming Bases That Honor Confederates"

Defense One, June 30, Caitlin Kenney

<https://www.defenseone.com/policy/2021/06/house-panel-proposes-1m-start-renaming-bases-honor-confederates/182691/>

Renaming U.S. Army posts that honor Confederates will take time and money, and lawmakers are looking to help with the latter in a draft 2022 funding bill.

The House Appropriations Committee wants to give the Army \$1 million to start removing names of traitorous leaders and officers from installations, buildings, roads, and streets, according to a press release Tuesday.

The list of things to be renamed and the plan to do so is the work of the Naming Commission—formally, the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America.

The Congressionally mandated commission is comprised of eight people, including Michelle Howard, a retired Navy admiral and the commission's chair; Lonnie Bunch III, the secretary of the Smithsonian; Bob Neller, the former Marine Corps commandant; and Ty Seidule, a retired Army brigadier general and former history professor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“House panel supports Army modernization funding”

Inside Defense, June 30, Ethan Sterenfeld

<https://insidedefense.com/daily-news/house-panel-supports-army-modernization-funding>

The House Appropriations defense subcommittee is supporting funding for a number of the Army's top modernization priorities, according to its draft mark of the fiscal year 2022 spending bill.

The draft bill, released yesterday, would boost the Army's research, development, test and evaluation budget to \$13.4 billion, above the Biden administration's \$12.8 billion request. However, it would still be a reduction from the \$14.1 billion enacted in the FY-21 budget.

The Army had sought to protect its modernization priorities in the budget request, leading to heavy proposed cuts for other research programs.

Although the committee has not released a detailed funding breakdown with the draft legislation, a summary of the legislation includes plans to fully fund some of the highest-priority modernization programs.

Senior Leaders

“Trump calls for Joint Chiefs Chairman Milley to be fired”

Military Times, June 30, Leo Shane

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/06/30/trump-calls-for-joint-chiefs-chairman-milley-to-be-fired/>

Former President Donald Trump said Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley should resign and “be replaced with someone who is actually willing to defend our military from the leftist radicals who hate our country and flag” in a statement released on Wednesday.

The comments were spurred by a new book by Wall Street Journal reporter Michael Bender which alleges the two leaders got into a profanity-laced fight in summer 2020 over how the U.S. military should respond to racial equality protests occurring throughout the country.

According to Axios, which reviewed an advanced copy of the volume, Milley attempted to explain his role as Joint Chiefs chairman as an advisory role to the White House, and not a direct command for all military members. Trump would not accept that, and other officials had to intervene to calm the situation.

“Esper defends Milley after Trump attacks”

The Hill, June 30, Jordan Williams

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/561030-esper-defends-milley-after-trump-attacks>

Former Defense Secretary Mark Esper defended Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley amid attacks on Milley by former President Trump.

Esper hailed Milley on Twitter as a “person of impeccable integrity and professionalism” and said attempts to denigrate him are wrong.

“Personal attacks on GEN Mark Milley and calls for him to resign are completely unwarranted. He and I worked together for 3+ years to advance America’s security and strengthen our armed forces. He is an officer and person of impeccable integrity and professionalism,” Esper said on Twitter.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Racism During 1940s Barred Injured Black Vet From Being Awarded Purple Heart”

Inside Edition, June 30, Taneasha White

<https://www.insideedition.com/racism-during-1940s-barred-injured-black-vet-from-being-awarded-purple-heart-68040>

Osceola “Ozzie” Fletcher was injured by German gunfire during World War II while delivering supplies but was never awarded the Purple Heart due to ongoing racism.

Osceola “Ozzie” Fletcher was wounded during World War II's Battle of Normandy but was denied the Purple Heart due to racial inequalities.

Fletcher was injured during the battle — an integral part of WWII — when his vehicle was targeted by German gunfire during his supply delivery, according to an Army Press Release.

After the vet left the Army, he went on to work as a sergeant in the New York City Police Department, as a high school teacher in NYC Public Schools, and as a Community Relations Specialist in Brooklyn’s District Attorney’s office.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the military who were either wounded or killed during enemy combat, representing the sacrifice the member made.

“Commentary: Ending military sexual assault starts long before service members don uniform”

USA Today, June 30, Kelsey Bake

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/ending-military-sexual-assault-starts-000546536.html>

Combatting sexual violence in the military is becoming more paramount as time passes. Between 2018 and 2019, restricted reports of sexual assault (those that weren't investigated per the victims' wishes) went up by 17%, and formal reports by 10%, according to Pentagon data released last year.

In addition, military sexual assault harms female recruitment and retention. The Department of Defense's apparent inability to curb sexual violence threatens the most vulnerable – and, as more roles have opened to women, perhaps the most needed – military employees.

Admissions:

“Northfield resident and Mainland grad heads to West Point”

Press of Atlantic City, July 1, Suzanne Marino

https://pressofatlanticcity.com/community/currents_gazettes/mainland/northfield-resident-and-mainland-grad-heads-to-west-point/article_c17598f2-d511-11eb-a3d1-0fbc44f7b94c.html

NORTHFIELD — Friends and family joined Northfield firetrucks and first response vehicles on Sunday, June 13, to give a surprise send-off to 18-year-old Tommy McGowan, who has accepted an appointment to West Point. The parade headed down Mill Road, past the Harvey D. Johnson American Legion Post #295. McGowan thought his family was having a graduation party for him at the Post and no idea the sirens blaring outside were going off in his honor. Well-wishers honked, waved flags and handed cards out the window to the very surprised McGowan.

An Eagle Scout, a member of the Mainland Regional High School National Honor Society and Mustang baseball team said he has long had a desire to serve his community and his country like so many of his uncles before him. But he said it was volunteering at the American Legion first with the Post Crashers back in middle school and then continuing on with other projects that gave him a sense of what direction he wanted to serve.

Dean:

“A Deeper Look into Thomas Jefferson”

Foundation for Economic Education, June 30

https://fee.org/shows/audio/words-numbers/a-deeper-look-into-thomas-jefferson?fbclid=IwAR2oDiPH4JY6tHuOlc-tyhMoWggzmj1wvgo5I8UVHX8hm9wlB5Qqkhz_rjQ#player

“U.S. ends military academy programme for Cambodia amid strained ties”

Reuters, July 1, Staff Writer

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/us-ends-military-academy-programme-cambodia-amid-strained-ties-2021-07-01/>

PHNOM PENH, July 1 (Reuters) - The United States has ended its programme with Cambodia to send students to top American military academies, a U.S. embassy official said on Thursday, marking the latest sign of strains in the relations between the two countries.

Washington has been concerned over China's growing military presence in Cambodia, with the Southeast Asian country becoming one of Beijing most important allies in the region.

The decision to end the programme had been made after Cambodia had ended some areas of military cooperation, U.S. Embassy spokesman Arend Zwartjes said.

"Following Cambodia's curtailment of cooperation in several areas of traditional bilateral military-military engagement, the country lost its eligibility for the U.S. military service academy program," Zwartjes told Voice of America (VoA).

USCC:

"Cadets undergo air assault training"

Mid Hudson News, July 1, Paul Ostrander

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2021/07/01/cadets-undergo-air-assault-training/>

WEST POINT — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point opened its Air Assault training for 2nd and 3rd-year cadets to families on Wednesday.

The 10-day training evaluates the cadets on three phases of Air Assault competence: aircraft orientation and pathfinder operations, sling load, which is to transport hanging materials via an aircraft and repel operations.

Wednesday, the 158 cadets who received slots for the training were evaluated on rapel operations, overseen by Sabalauski Air Assault School Instructors from Fort Worth, Kentucky, along with cadet commanders and West Point military instructors. However, not all of these cadets will make the final cut.

Cadet Air Assault Commander Li Hao Tan said besides the physical element, which includes a two, four, six and 12-mile ruck, as well as an obstacle course, there are many things cadets must be prepared for, less they be dropped.

"You need to pay attention to details," said Tan. "You need to make sure that you're skilled enough to carry out the operations and the instructors here are very professional, they look out for the tiny details. If you are missing any items from your pack, for example, you'll get dropped from the course. Then, of course, there's the physical event," said Tan.

Officer-in-Charge of Air Assault at West Point, Capt. Romy Murr, said knowing these types of skills are crucial for cadets entering the military, especially for overseas operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. He outlined some real-world situations where these skills would apply, specifically sling loading.

"In Afghanistan, we utilize air assault operations when we are moving fuel from one location to another," said Murr. "You would lift it in what's called fuel blivets, which is a large container that we would sling load underneath an aircraft and we would move it from one location in Afghanistan to another, depending on what the fuel requirements were there; or, we would sling load howitzers, which are large field-artillery pieces if we had to move those around the country," he said.

Alumni:

“NASA names a woman to lead Kennedy Space Center for the first time”

Florida Today, June 30, Rachael Joy

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2021/06/30/nasa-names-a-woman-to-lead-kennedy-space-center-for-the-first-time/>

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. – On Wednesday NASA administrator Bill Nelson announced Janet Petro will replace Bob Cabana as the new director of the Kennedy Space Center, making her the first woman to lead the center, reports News 6 partner Florida Today.

“It’s an honor to be selected to lead Kennedy Space Center,” Petro said. “Having grown up on Florida’s Space Coast and being the second generation in my family to work at Kennedy Space Center, it’s truly exciting to help grow the multi-user spaceport as we prepare for Artemis and continue launching commercial crew missions to the International Space Station.”

Petro began her professional career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. She graduated in 1981 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, with a Bachelor of Science in engineering and was in the second class of West Point graduates to include women. Petro also holds a Master of Science in business administration from Boston University’s Metropolitan College.

“‘I’ve always served in some capacity’: West Point graduate brings a wealth of experience to Glenview board”

Daily Herald, July 1, Dave Oberhelman

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20210630/ive-always-served-in-some-capacity-west-point-graduate-brings-a-wealth-of-experience-to-glenview-board>

A very natural fit, Jim Bland called it.

Approved as a trustee by Glenview Village Board on Tuesday, Bland said his military background remains pertinent in this new position.

"Having attended West Point, part of the motto there is to educate and train cadets for a lifetime of service," he said.

"It's part of their mission statement. Really, the objective is to inculcate cadets and future officers, and that can happen in uniform and out of uniform."

Sports:

“Chris Chionuma Promoted to Associate Head Wrestling Coach”

Go Poly News, June 30, Staff Writer

<https://gopoly.com/news/2021/6/30/chris-chionuma-promoted-to-associate-head-wrestling-coach.aspx>

Coach Chewy has made an extraordinary impact on the Cal Poly student-athletes' development over his first three years as Head Assistant Wrestling Coach," said Mustang head coach Jon Siores. "Our purpose at Cal Poly is to help develop and shape remarkable men for life after wrestling. Coach Chewy not only consistently champions our core values, but he has a sheer focus on our character development with his passionate approach to our sport and to

life."

Chionuma, a former Oklahoma State wrestler and Big XII Conference champion, was hired as Cal Poly's Head Assistant Wrestling Coach in July 2018. He had spent the previous three years at Army West Point, helping guide the Black Knights, who qualified 12 student-athletes to the NCAA Championships in that time. He also served as head coach at Ouachita Baptist University, an NCAA Division II school, which finished fifth at the NCAA Division II National Championships under his leadership.

COVID:

Dangerous COVID strain could spark fresh restrictions on operations, Pentagon says

The Washington Times, June 30, Mike Glenn

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/jun/30/dangerous-covid-strain-could-spark-fresh-restricti/>

Even as infection and hospitalization rates from COVID-19 continue falling in many locations, Pentagon officials say the rise of the delta variant that has spread rapidly since it was first detected could mean new restrictions on military operations and base access.

U.S. military officials are still recovering from COVID-19-related disruptions for much of 2020, which posed a danger of troops in the field and plagued a number of naval missions. Pentagon officials also reported unexpectedly high initial rates of skepticism about getting a vaccine among some servicemen and servicewomen.

In May, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said fully vaccinated people no longer needed to wear a mask in most cases. The Department of Defense followed, quickly relaxing its own health protection conditions for military installations. But the delta strain, a highly infectious mutation first noted in India earlier this year, could mean a return to more restrictions in some locations.

"DoD touts gains in vaccination rates, but worries about Delta variant"

Federal News Network, July 1, Jared Serbu

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/defense-main/2021/07/dod-touts-gains-in-vaccination-rates-but-worries-about-delta-variant/>

The Pentagon is beginning to wind down the task force it set up to deal with the wide spectrum of COVID-related missions it's taken on during the past year and a half.

But that doesn't mean DoD considers the pandemic to be at its end. Officials said they've made huge strides in vaccinating service members, but tighter restrictions could still return to at least some bases if there are outbreaks of the Delta variant of the virus.

According to statistics the department released Wednesday, the military services have made significant progress in convincing service members to take the vaccine: 68% of the active duty population has now had at least one dose.

"I don't want to put too fine a point on this, but 31% of our active duty are under the age of 35 – and nationally, that is one of the populations that's the toughest to have vaccinated," Dr. Terry Adirim, the acting assistant secretary of Defense for health affairs, told reporters

Wednesday.

“COVID-19 Delta Variant Causing Nations To Rethink Loosening Restrictions, But NYC Confident It Doesn’t Need To”

CBS New York, June 30, Aundrea Cline-Thomas

<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2021/06/30/covid-19-delta-variant-new-york-city-restrictions-bill-de-blasio/>

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — All over the world countries are re-imposing COVID-19 restrictions because of the highly contagious Delta variant.

Meanwhile, here at home we’re doing just the opposite, despite the presence of the strain in our area, CBS2’s Aundrea Cline-Thomas reported.

“Vaccinated workers now are going to be able to work without masks and they will not be limited by physical distancing,” Mayor Bill de Blasio said Tuesday.

Even more COVID restrictions are being lifted, this time for city employees, as COVID cases plummet while the Delta variant poses a threat.

“Right now, we’re winning the race against the Delta variant, but we’ve got to keep winning,” de Blasio said.

The variant accounts for 10% of new COVID infections in the city, and is growing. Believed to be the most contagious of all the strains, it’s causing sickness across the world, especially in communities with low vaccination rates.

Other:

“USAA insurance company pressured to cease Tucker Carlson show advertising”

Live Insurance News, July 1, Logan B.

<http://www.liveinsurancenews.com/usaa-insurance-company-tucker-carlson/8552079/>

The Fox News personality referred to a general as a “pig” and called him “stupid”.

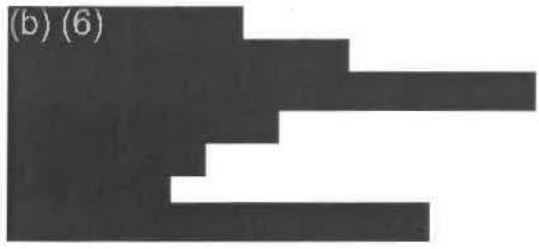
USAA insurance company, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, is facing calls to end the advertising it runs during the Tucker Carlson show. This pressure is a part of the backlash from the Fox News personality’s segment called “anti-white mania,” in which he referred to the country’s top military officer as “stupid” and a “pig”.

The issue at the center of Carlson’s piece was that the Joint Chiefs of Staff told members of Congress that General Milley found it “offensive” that military officers who learned about “white rage” following the January 6 assault on the US Capital were being called “woke”. The television personality stated during the “Tucker Carlson Tonight” segment that it was because Milley was “obsequious” that he rose to his position, and not because of being “brilliant” or “brave”.

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- Tune in to **Fox News** and watch their July 4th program featuring the **West Point Band concert and fireworks at Trophy Point along with cadet vignettes Sunday, 8-10 p.m.**
- CFT successfully concludes with Ruck March: <https://youtu.be/9gA7WxsEaUU>

DOD:

1-2 JUL: GEN Paul E. Funk II, CG of TRADOC, will serve as the parade grand marshal during the Montana Independence Day Extravaganza in the city of Roundup, and will also engage with local media outlets.

4 JUL: CSA GEN James McConville will deliver a pre-recorded video shout-out to the Boston Pops Orchestra for the July 4th Spectacular Concert, scheduled to air on Bloomberg TV and radio and on WHDH-TV, CBS 7 News in Boston. The Boston Pops Orchestra is partnering with the U.S. Army Field Band's Six-String Soldiers:

<https://www.bso.org/brands/tanglewood/other-events/2021-boston-pops-july-4-spectacular-concert.aspx>

5 JUL: CSA GEN James McConville's pre-recorded interview with ABC's "Good Morning America" will air as part of post-Independence Day coverage.

7 JUL: Mr. Christopher Lowman, SOPTD of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

Leading News:

"US Army Could Require COVID Vaccinations of All Soldiers by September"

Newsweek, July 1, Cammy Pedroja

<https://www.newsweek.com/us-army-could-require-covid-vaccinations-all-soldiers-september-1606211>

The United States Army will require all soldiers to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as September, according to an "execute order" from Department of the Army Headquarters.

Exactly when the vaccine will be made mandatory depends on when the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fully licenses the available vaccines, including Pfizer and Moderna.

"Commanders will continue COVID-19 vaccination operations and prepare for a directive to mandate COVID-19 vaccination for service members [on or around] 01 September 2021, pending full FDA licensure," the order reads.

Senior Leaders:

“US military hands over Bagram Airfield to Afghans after nearly 20 years”

The Associated Press, July 2, Kathy Gannon

<https://www.militarytimes.com/flashpoints/2021/07/02/us-military-hands-over-bagram-airfield-to-afghans-after-nearly-20-years/>

After nearly 20 years, the U.S. military left Bagram Airfield, the epicenter of its war to oust the Taliban and hunt down the al-Qaida perpetrators of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on America, two U.S. officials said Friday.

The airfield was handed over to the Afghan National Security and Defense Force in its entirety, they said on condition they not be identified because they were not authorized to release the information to the media.

One of the officials also said the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Austin S. Miller, “still retains all the capabilities and authorities to protect the forces.”

The withdrawal from Bagram Airfield is the clearest indication that the last of the 2,500-3,500 U.S. troops have left Afghanistan or are nearing a departure, months ahead of President Joe Biden’s promise that they would be gone by Sept. 11.

It was clear soon after the mid-April announcement that the U.S. was ending its “forever war,” that the departure of U.S. soldiers and their estimated 7,000 NATO allies would be nearer to July 4, when America celebrates its Independence Day.

“Many military families, caught in a housing crunch, are suffering this PCS season”

Military Times, July 1, Karen Jowers

[Many military families, caught in a housing crunch, are suffering this PCS season](#)

Service members and their families across the country are feeling the sting of the hot housing market as they move to new duty stations.

Many are paying out of pocket for longer stays in temporary lodging, waiting longer for on-base housing and paying hundreds of dollars more per month for rentals than their housing allowance covers, if they can even find a rental.

For many who want to purchase a home, it means offering tens of thousands of dollars above the asking price and bidding against multiple buyers in a fiercely competitive market — and often losing out to higher bidders.

Last week, a family moving from Bahrain to Kitsap, Washington, bid \$61,000 over the asking price for a house and didn’t even come close to getting their offer accepted. They were trying to buy a house after unsuccessful attempts to find a rental, they wrote in response to a Military Times callout for service members’ experiences in finding housing this summer.

Their situation now: “We arrive in Washington in four weeks, with three kids and a dog, and so far we have no idea where we’ll go,” they wrote.

US Army:

“Army’s \$10 billion barracks plan in jeopardy, lawmakers fear”

Military Times, July 1, Davis Winkie

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/01/armys-10-billion-barracks-plan-in-jeopardy-lawmakers-fear/>

Lawmakers pressed Army Secretary Christine Wormuth and Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville about the Army’s slim fiscal year 2021 budget request for barracks construction and renovation during a Tuesday meeting of the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., said the Army is “never going to do \$10 billion in 10 years” unless the service requests more funding for barracks overhauls.

Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston unveiled a barracks overhaul plan last year, publicly committing the force to spending \$9.6 billion by fiscal 2030 in order to eliminate substandard buildings. The initiative has long been one of Grinston’s top priorities.

“Our goal is, by 2030, we are not going to have any Q4 or Q3 barracks in the United States Army,” Grinston said during the Association of the United States Army conference in October.

“US Army sergeant indicted on murder, aggravated assault charges over shooting of Garrett Foster”

FOX 7 News, July 1, Steven Sarabia

<https://www.fox7austin.com/news/us-army-sergeant-indicted-on-murder-deadly-conduct-charges-over-shooting-of-garrett-foster>

AUSTIN, Texas - An Army sergeant has been indicted on murder and aggravated assault charges in the shooting death of Black Lives Matter protestor Garrett Foster.

Foster was fatally shot while participating in a protest in Austin in July 2020.

According to his attorney, Army Sergeant Daniel Perry was driving for a ride-share company and had dropped off a client in downtown Austin shortly before the shooting. Perry was heading to a 'hot spot' to wait for notification on another pick-up or food delivery when he turned right onto Congress Avenue and encountered a large group of protesters.

Perry allegedly did not know there was a protest going on in downtown Austin.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Is the military teaching critical race theory? Not really”

Army Times, July 1, Meghann Myers and Leo Shane III

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/07/01/is-the-military-teaching-critical-race-theory-not-really/>

Arkansas Republican Sen. Tom Cotton continued his campaign against what he sees as a scourge of racist training in the military Thursday. In a webinar hosted by the Heritage Institute, he again alleged he has received hundreds of complaints of “critical race theory” teachings in military units.

Cotton and his allies have publicly confronted Pentagon leaders in recent weeks, concerned that the Defense Department's push for diversity and inclusion training and education is a thinly veiled vehicle for indoctrinating troops into the idea that white men are oppressors, people of color are victims and that America is an intractably racist country.

"But what happens if it harms unit cohesion and morale and esprit de corps in our military?" Cotton asked. "Then we literally are risking our freedom. And that's why it's so important that the military's highest priority should remain what it always has been: to fight and win real wars, not to get distracted by culture wars."

Admissions:

"Valley Stream North senior headed to West Point"

LI Herald, July 1, Jemima Denham

<https://www.liherald.com/valleystream/stories/valley-stream-north-senior-headed-to-west-point,133270?>

Valley Stream North High School student Peter J. Mura will be taking his strengths and commitment to community service further afield to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in the fall. Peter graduated from Valley Stream North this past Friday and will be one of the 1,226 cadets in the West Point class of 2025. He began his Cadet Basic Training, the first required training session for new cadets, on June 27 but Peter's initial draw to West Point was sparked many years ago with trips to the scenic Hudson River campus.

Competing in track, football and wrestling, Peter was a well-rounded athlete at Valley Stream North and he recalled the 2019 West Point summer army wrestling camp as a turning point for his ambition to attend the prestigious military academy.

"The people I met there were so amazing. I knew after that week that I would form bonds and relationships with people that I could connect with and those would last a long time," said Peter about his interactions with the cadets and officers at West Point. "It sounds a little cliché but listening to what motivates them and hearing about their love for their country and reasons for going to the academy was very inspiring for me."

Sports:

"Army West Point Football: 2021 Black Knights Season Preview and Prediction"

Athlon Sports, July 1

<https://athlonsports.com/college-football/army-west-point-football-black-knights-prediction-preview-2021>

Army returns 13 starters from a team that went 9-3 last season and fell just short of a win over West Virginia in the Liberty Bowl. Coach Jeff Monken's defense held opponents to 14.8 points a contest last fall and has a strong foundation in place at every level. Offensively, the Black Knights need to find stability under center and restock the line. The schedule is manageable, which means Army should return to the postseason for the fifth time in six years.

Previewing Army West Point's Offense for 2021

Christian Anderson opened last season as the Black Knights' starting quarterback before

injuries limited him to five starts. His setbacks provided opportunities for three other quarterbacks to start games, giving head coach Jeff Monken plenty of depth at the position heading into this year. The primary competition figures to be between Anderson, a senior, and junior Tyhier Tyler, who started four games and led the team with 578 rushing yards. Junior Jemel Jones made one start and could push for more time. Cade Ballard started twice as a freshman.

“Army Lands Roswell (Ga.) Attackman Hill Plunkett”

Lacrosse Bucket, July 1, Tanner Demling

<https://lacrossebucket.com/2021/07/01/army-lands-roswell-ga-attackman-hill-plunkett/>

Not even a full day into the contact period opening up for service academies, Joe Albrechi and the Army Black Knights have picked up a commitment from Roswell (Ga.) attackman Hill Plunkett. He is the first true 2023 commitment.

Plunkett is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Evan, who will be a freshman at West Point this fall.

Rated as a four-star by NLF, Plunkett knows how to put the ball in the back of the net in more ways than one. He has a heavy presence as a tradition X attackman dodging and feeing from behind the cage, as well as being able to get to the island and make plays.

“Quartet of Oswego County graduates plan to continue athletic careers at military institutions”

NNY360, July 2, Josh St Croix

https://www.nny360.com/news/oswegocounty/quartet-of-oswego-county-graduates-plan-to-continue-athletic-careers-at-military-institutions/article_8035fc4c-72a2-52c8-ae64-b7d57c3b2ab0.html

OSWEGO COUNTY — The call to serve came in a variety of ways for a quartet of Oswego County graduates that plan to continue their athletics careers next year at military institutions.

Lexi Patterson of Fulton-G. Ray Bodley High School along with Central Square’s Julia Mann and Jillian Howe all recently reported to their respective service academy. Sam May, also from Fulton, will depart for The Citadel next month to begin his Division I collegiate wrestling career.

Patterson will play Division I women’s lacrosse for the Military Academy at Army West Point, Mann is committed to play Division III women’s basketball for the Coast Guard Academy, and Howe is attending the Air Force Academy with plans to potentially walk on to the women’s track and field team after recent talks with coaches.

COVID:

“Public employers can't discipline workers for COVID absence under new NY law”

Democrat & Chronicle, July 2, Sarah Taddeo

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/07/02/ny-law-covid-public-employer-retaliation/7832014002/>

Public employees in New York can’t be penalized for taking sick leave or compensatory time

reasons related to COVID-19 thanks to a bill signed into law Thursday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Under the new measure, public employers are specifically prohibited from penalizing employees who use sick leave or compensatory time to quarantine or seek medical treatment for COVID-19, or for other absences related to a COVID-19 diagnosis or contact.

That means those working in schools, local governments or state prisons can't be dismissed or hit with write-ups for COVID-19 related absences, Cuomo said.

Alumni:

"FBI agent accused of numerous child sex crimes being held without bond in Ascension Parish jail"

The Advocate, July 1, Lea Skene

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/crime_police/article_f033f6f8-dab5-11eb-b080-6f7539d3b81a.html

A New Orleans-based FBI agent arrested last week on numerous sexual misconduct charges involving children is now being held without bond in Ascension Parish jail.

David Harris, 51, appeared in court Thursday morning for a bail hearing. Court records show the judge ordered him held without bond.

Harris, who lives in Prairieville, was involved in multiple criminal acts involving adults and children across the state since at least 2016, according to the Louisiana State Police Special Victims Unit and the U.S. Department of Justice, which began investigating the agent after fielding a complaint about him in February.

Harris is a veteran FBI special agent, having joined the agency 30 years ago. He graduated from West Point in 1992 and served in the U.S. Army before starting his law enforcement career, according to his attorneys.

"Climate threats have and will continue to cost the military"

The Gainesville Sun, July 2, Adam Despang

<https://www.gainesville.com/story/opinion/2021/07/01/climate-change-our-most-urgent-national-security-threat/7803838002/>

Like so many of you, this Fourth of July, I will be celebrating with good music, great food, and friends and family by my side. But as a former Army field artillery officer, a West Point graduate and a home-bred Floridian, I cannot ignore the significance of this holiday.

The birth of our nation is rooted in a steadfast belief in the ability to guard and govern ourselves. However, in 2021 we continue to experience global security threats that have fundamentally altered how our military approaches guarding our national security.

I have personally witnessed these threats, from the loss of a West Point cadet to heatstroke, damaged F-22s on Tyndall AFB, and entire towns flattened on Abaco, Bahamas.

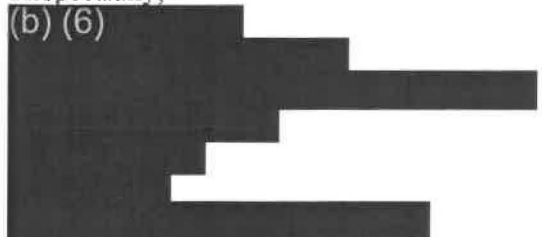
Adam Despang is from Lake City and now resides in Gainesville. He is a former Army Field

Artillery Officer and West Point graduate and now leads a new climate security program in Florida for the American Security Project.

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Leading News:

"Biden backs changes in military sexual assault prosecution"

The Associated Press, July 2, Aamer Madhani and Lolita C. Baldor

<https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-sexual-assault-government-and-politics-63631b41346bbbc871fae3d1b622f607>

President Joe Biden on Friday put his stamp of approval on a long-debated change to the military justice

system that would remove decisions on prosecuting sexual assault cases from military commanders.

Biden, however, stopped short of backing a congressional effort to strip commanders of oversight of all major crimes.

The president formally approved more than two dozen recommendations made by an independent review commission on sexual assault in the military. The changes include shifting decisions on prosecuting sexual assault cases to special victims prosecutors outside the chain of command to remove any appearance of conflicts of interest.

The military's sexual assault response coordinators and victims advocates also would be removed from the command structure system.

“Sexual Assault Prosecutions Should Change in 2023, Commission Recommends”

Military.com, July 2, Stephen Losey

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/07/02/sexual-assault-prosecutions-should-change-2023-commission-recommends.html>

A Pentagon commission has recommended major changes to how sexual assaults and related crimes are prosecuted in the military that would take effect in 2023.

In the report submitted to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last week and released publicly Friday, the Independent Review Commission advised that the Pentagon work with Congress to pass changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) this year. The commission recommended taking decisions on whether to prosecute sexual assault, sexual harassment and other special victim crimes out of the hands of commanders, and putting a new independent prosecution system in charge of those cases.

But while the commission is recommending fast movement on passing changes to the UCMJ as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, a senior administration official said in a conference call with reporters Thursday that the changes should not take effect until 2023. The delay would give the military enough time to build the new special victims prosecution system properly, the official said.

“This is not an area for quick wins or quick fixes, but rather a plan that will result in sustained change over time,” the official, who spoke with reporters on condition of anonymity, said. “We think that investment of time is what will lead to results. We think that’s what will really move the needle.”

Austin generally has accepted all the commission’s recommendations. In the coming months, the White House and Pentagon plan to work together to figure out how to put these recommendations into practice and work with Congress to update the UCMJ where it is necessary.

Senior Leaders:

“GOP lawmakers split over mandatory vaccines for US military members”

Fox News, July 5, Brittany De Lea

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gop-lawmakers-split-over-mandatory-vaccines-for-us-military-members>

Lawmakers are torn over reports that U.S. Army members may soon be required to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., said in a Twitter post that he has heard from military members who say they intend to leave the service if they are forced to receive the vaccines.

Massie introduced legislation in June that would prohibit any requirement that service members receive a COVID-19 vaccination. The bill currently has 23 cosponsors, including Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., and Andy Biggs, R-Ariz.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., replied to Massie’s tweet, accusing him of “pandering” and noting that service members are required to receive many other vaccinations in order to serve.

“Biden to nominate environmental lawyer as assistant Army secretary”

Army Times, July 2, Davis Winkie

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/02/biden-to-nominate-environmental-lawyer-as-assistant-army-secretary/>

The Biden administration will nominate environmental attorney Rachel Jacobson as the assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, Army Times has learned.

A Biden administration official confirmed Jacobson’s nomination to Army Times.

“I’m honored and delighted to be considered for this position,” said Jacobson in an email to Army Times. “The Army’s commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and energy efficiency is second to none. I look forward to working with the many professional in the Army who are dedicated to this mission.”

If confirmed by the Senate, Jacobson will establish policy and supervise the Army’s infrastructure, including soldiers’ barracks, energy security, sustainability initiatives and pollution. She will help spearhead the service’s response and plans for climate change, which Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin considers to be an “existential threat.”

Jacobson will also play a key role in installation quality of life initiatives like the Army’s plan to renovate and replace substandard barracks.

Lawmakers have expressed concern that the service isn’t taking the barracks issue seriously, though.

Jacobson served in the Defense Department for two years during the Obama administration as the Pentagon’s top environmental lawyer, according to her biography.

US Army:

“US Army chief of staff discusses the significance of Independence Day”

GMA, July 5

<https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/GMA3/video/us-army-chief-staff-discusses-significance-independence-day-78674812>

Chief of Staff of the Army GEN James McConville joins ABC News to discuss the significance of the holiday for those who have served in the U.S. military.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Command Sgt. Major Sean Rice reflects on how diversity has evolved in the Army, and his experiences”

WHNT News 19, July 4

<https://whnt.com/news/leadership-perspectives/command-sgt-major-sean-rice-reflects-on-how-diversity-has-evolved-in-the-army-and-his-experiences/>

CSM Sean Rice from the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command at Redstone Arsenal

discusses how diversity has evolved since he joined in the 1980s and his leadership experiences that lead him to become the top-enlisted man at the USASAC

Dean:

“West Point Building Cyber Center”

The Highlands Current, July 2

<https://highlandscurrent.org/2021/07/02/west-point-building-cyber-center/>

Excavation work visible from east side of river

The U.S. Military Academy has begun excavations visible from the east side of the river to make room for a Cyber & Engineering Academic Center. Once completed, the 136,000 square-foot building will house the labs of the departments of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Systems Engineering.

USCC:

“Wenonah Fourth of July parade returns as homecoming for two cadets”

NJ.com, July 4

<https://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/2021/07/photos-wenonah-fourth-of-july-parade-returns-as-homecoming-for-two-cadets.html>

Despite threatening skies, the Wenonah Fourth of July Parade went ahead early Saturday morning, with a theme of “Salute to Service.”

In line with that theme, this year’s parade was a homecoming for two young men who grew up together in the charming South Jersey town.

Richard Jaramillo and Matthew Murphy were part of the Wenonah Swim Club starting when they were seven years old. The parade began running nearly 150 years ago, so Jaramillo and Murphy would have seen the floats up and down Mantau Avenue many times.

Today, the two were in the parade, both wearing the crisp white military uniforms of cadets. Jaramillo is at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Murphy is at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Admissions:

“JAG Grad Attends West Point Academy”

Weekly Villager, July 3, Stacy Turner

<https://weeklyvillager.com/jag-grad-attends-west-point-academy/>

Garrettsville – “From an early age, we joked he’ll end up in the military because of how his mind works,” Mantua resident Jason Wysong noted. “We didn’t realize that would actually come to fruition,” his wife Carolyn added. They shared that their son, Nolan, began considering attending a military service academy in eighth grade, and eventually selected West Point as the key to his aspirations during sophomore year. He cited numerous family outdoor adventures on family road trips to state and national parks as a big influence in selecting the Army and West Point Academy.

Located on the Hudson River 50 miles north of New York City, West Point is the oldest military installation in the United States. Founded in 1802, prestigious West Point graduates include Civil War generals Grant, Lee, Sherman, and Jackson as well as President Eisenhower, and noteworthy Generals MacArthur and Patton.

Sports:

“Revitalized Army, coming off rewarding 9-3 season, plans to build on ‘a culture that breeds success’”

The Athletic, July 4, Matt Fortuna

<https://theathletic.com/2686746/2021/07/04/revitalized-army-coming-off-rewarding-9-3-season-plans-to-build-on-a-culture-that-breeds-success/>

Before 2019, the Army senior class of 2021 probably gave no second thought to becoming the winningest class in program history. Then the Black Knights went 5-8, and then a pandemic flipped the world on its head, and suddenly that was probably the last thing on those players' minds.

All of which made the cap to the 2020 regular season even more exhilarating: Army punched in a fourth-and-goal touchdown in the final two minutes to beat Air Force, re-capture the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.....

“‘I always like doing difficult things’: New Canaan’s Brady commits to play football at Army”

GametimeCT, July 2, Scott Ericson

<https://www.gametimect.com/i-always-like-doing-difficult-things-new-canaans-brady-commits-to-play-football-at-army/>

For as long as Ned Brady can remember he has wanted to do two things, play football for New Canaan and serve his country.

Over the next two years, the 6-foot-5, 245 pound offensive lineman, will get his chance to do both.

Brady, a rising senior at New Canaan, has committed to play football at the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall of 2022.

“I grew up always wanting to go to Army or Navy and wanting to serve. That’s my dream to be in the Army,” Brady said. “My older brother just joined the Army and is going the special forces route and that is something I would want to do as well. Every summer as a kid we would tour West Point and we’d always go to football games there in the fall. Since then, it was pretty much the only place I wanted to play.”

COVID:

“High uptake of coronavirus vaccines in overseas US military communities, including teens”

Stars and Stripes, July 2, Karin Zeitvogel

<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/europe/2021-07-02/high-uptake-coronavirus-vaccine-us->

[overseas-military-community-2029283.html](https://www.militarycommunity.com/overseas-military-community-2029283.html)

The overseas U.S. military population, including teens and tweens, is getting vaccinated against the coronavirus at a faster rate than the U.S. population in general, data released by military health officials shows.

"To date, more than 73% of our U.S. Army Europe and Africa military community is fully vaccinated," Brig. Gen. Mark Thompson, who heads Regional Health Command Europe, said in a statement Friday.

Anyone age 12 and over is eligible for the vaccine, said Gino Mattorano, a spokesman for the health command.

The high vaccination rate puts the Army community in Europe and Africa ahead of a goal set by President Joe Biden for 70% of American adults to be at least partly vaccinated by July 4.

Alumni:

"Washington's newest memorial sees its first Fourth of July"

Fox News, July 3, Kim Anderson

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/washingtons-newest-memorial-first-fourth-of-july>

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the unveiling of Washington's newest monument--the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial. The debut was slated for May 2020, right before the year's Fourth of July celebrations. But the memorial didn't make its appearance until September 2020. Now, with the district returning to normal, tourists can enjoy the Capitol's newest tribute.

It's a memorial Chief Spokesman for the National Park Service, Mike Litterst, says is fit for the man it was built for.

"This is a memorial grand in scale, but it's entirely befitting of a man like Eisenhower whose contributions on the world stage were so immense," said Litterst.

"His parents raised him in a home of discipline, of the value of religion," said Litterst. "He learns the importance of education, of hard work. He works at the family creamery, and he will take all that off with him when he goes to West Point to embark on his life's adventure."

"NASA names women to leadership roles at Johnson and Kennedy Centers"

ABC13 News, July 6

<https://abc13.com/science/nasa-names-women-to-leadership-roles-at-johnson-kennedy-centers/10862429/>

HOUSTON, Texas -- NASA Administrator Bill Nelson has named Vanessa Wyche director of the agency's Johnson Space Center in Houston and Janet Petro director of Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Wyche has served as the acting director of Johnson since May 3 and Petro has served as the acting director of Kennedy since May 17.

"Both Vanessa and Janet are exceptional leaders who will help propel NASA forward as we venture farther out into the cosmos than ever before," said Nelson. "It's an incredible time at

NASA, and with Vanessa and Janet leading the Johnson and Kennedy Space Centers, NASA will embark on a new era of space exploration - starting with the Artemis I launch to the Moon later this year."

Petro began her professional career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. She graduated in 1981 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, with a Bachelor of Science in engineering and was in the second class of West Point graduates to include women. Petro also holds a Master of Science in business administration from Boston University's Metropolitan College.

"Why the Naval Academy Golf Course is the best course you've never heard of"

Golf.com, July 4, Pete Phipps

<https://golf.com/travel/naval-academy-golf-course-best-never-heard/>

As a proud graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., I subscribe wholeheartedly to the mantra, "Go Army, Beat Navy." Slightly further down my list of guiding principles is the saying, "Give Credit Where Credit is Due." Therefore, as painful as it is for me to admit, the best course you may have never heard of is the William Flynn-designed Naval Academy Golf Course, in Annapolis, Md.

The history of the course is about as random as having a billy goat for a school mascot, but in the end it all worked out. In 1938, the U.S. Navy purchased land near the academy in order to expand its radio communications facility. On that land happened to be an abandoned 18 holes, once belonging to the Greenbury Point Yacht Club. In 1940, a new nine-hole course was established. Then, in 1942, Flynn, the famed architect behind such vaunted designs as Shinnecock Hills, Merion, The Country Club and Cherry Hills, was brought in to create a new 18-hole layout from the existing nine holes. The course opened (again!) in 1944 and proved to be Flynn's swan song, as he passed away that same year of kidney disease, at 53.

"Veteran couple bring military knowledge to coffee business"

Southeast Missourian, July 3, Monica Obradovic

<https://www.semissourian.com/story/2893069.html>

There's a lot Billy and Kristen Lewis learned during their time in the military -- discipline, attention to detail, a few words of Pashto. However, they didn't know they were also learning how to be successful in business.

The Lewises run a mobile coffee shop out of a renovated horse trailer. The couple named it Molon Latte, a play on Spartan King Leonidas's infamous fighting words, "Molon labe," or "Come and get them!"

The Lewises have served thousands of customers since Molon Latte's beginning. It's a success they attribute to the "never give up" mentality they learned during their stints in the military.

"In business, you're hit daily with challenges and things you didn't anticipate," Kristen said. "In the military, we learned not to stop at obstacles but instead readjust and evaluate how to do things differently."

Kristen and Billy both attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Billy joined the military at 19. He was enlisted for two years and spent another eight as an officer. Kristin

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Leading News:

"Protecting America's independence: The next generation of West Point graduates"

Fox News, July 6, Aishah Hasnie

<https://news.yahoo.com/protecting-americas-independence-next-generation-015803757.html>

Fox News national correspondent Aishah Hasnie has the details on 'Fox News Presents: An Independence Day Special'

"In reversal, US military allows Navy football captain to delay service to try to play in NFL"

CNN, July 6, Devan Cole and Oren Liebermann

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/06/politics/cameron-kinley-navy-reversal-nfl/index.html>

The captain of the US Navy football team will be allowed to try to play in the National Football League after the US military reversed course on Tuesday and approved his request to delay his service.

"Today, I have approved a plan by the Department of the Navy that will permit former Naval Academy midshipman Cameron Kinley to play professional football in the NFL," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement.

"This plan will see Cameron enlisted in the Inactive Ready Reserve for the duration of his football career. Upon completion of his playing time, we look forward to welcoming him back inside the ranks as a naval officer," the statement read.

The reversal represents a significant about-face for the US military several weeks after it initially denied Kinley's service delay request, drawing criticism. It means that Kinley, who had signed with the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted rookie cornerback and attended the team's rookie minicamp, will now be able to attend the team's training camp in late July.

Kinley had announced last month that the Secretary of the Navy had denied his request and that he was being required to commission in the US Navy as an Ensign.

In a statement on Tuesday, Kinley said that he was "extremely appreciative of Secretary Austin's decision and I am excited to represent our fine military in the National Football League." He went on to thank a number of people, including the team, writing that he's "excited to get back to work in Tampa Bay with my teammates."

"Air Force Academy professor pushes for military academies to teach critical race theory"

Fox News, July 6, Lindsay Kornick

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/air-force-academy-professor-pushes-military-academies-teach-critical-race-theory>

A Washington Post opinion piece from an Air Force Academy professor advocated that military academies should teach critical race theory.

On Tuesday, associate professor of political science Lynne Chandler García published an op-ed titled "Why U.S. military academies should teach critical race theory." Agreeing with Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark A. Milley, García claimed that critical race theory "is not unpatriotic" and does not "promote division among our military members."

"As a professor of political science at the U.S. Air Force Academy, I teach critical race theories to our nation's future military leaders because it is vital that cadets understand the history of the racism that has shaped both foreign and domestic policy," García explained.

This was in reference to Gen. Milley's defense of studying critical race theory back in June during a congressional hearing. The general argued it was important for cadets "to be open-minded and be widely read" regarding the nation's history.

"So what is wrong with understanding, having some situational understanding about the country for which we are here to defend? And I personally find it offensive that we are accusing the United States military, our general officers, our commissioned, non-commissioned officers of being, quote, 'woke' or something else, because we're studying some theories that are out there," Milley said.

Senior Leaders:

"Unlikely Coalition of Veterans Backs Biden on Ending Afghan War"

The New York Times, July 6, Jennifer Steinhauer

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/06/us/politics/biden-afghanistan-withdrawal-veterans.html>

Soon after President Biden announced that the United States military would withdraw from Afghanistan, hawks in Congress accused him of accepting defeat. But a diverse group of war veterans — many of whom had clashed bitterly with one another over the years — stepped in to provide him political cover.

Closely coordinating with the White House's National Security Council, a coalition that included Concerned Veterans for America, an advocacy group funded by the Koch network; Common Defense, a longtime antagonist of former President Donald J. Trump; and the Secure Families Initiative, a nonpartisan group of military spouses, wrote opinion columns, began social media campaigns and released a stream of statements pushing for an end to America's longest war. The American Legion, the nation's largest veteran service organization, also came out in support of the new policy, to the surprise of many.

Over 20 years of war, American veterans have been venerated by Republicans and Democrats but lacked cohesive political influence. Democrats and the operatives around them often assumed that most veterans were conservative and failed to court them, and for years, leaders in both parties believed most veterans supported the conflicts abroad.

But as the conflicts dragged on, veterans and military families increasingly united around public positions critical of the wars, and found ways to gain access to the White House to lobby for withdrawal from them.

Similar efforts by lawmakers have also brought together unlikely allies, like Representative Barbara Lee, Democrat of California and once a lone voice against the wars, and Representative Andy Biggs of Arizona.

US Army:

“US Army to outfit 64 Stryker vehicles with new network capability”

Jane's Defence Weekly, July 7, Ashley Roque

<https://www.janes.com/defence-news/news-detail/us-army-to-outfit-64-stryker-vehicles-with-new-network-capability>

Over the coming weeks the US Army's 2nd Cavalry Regiment will begin outfitting 64 Stryker double v-hull vehicles inside Germany with a package of network technologies included under the service's Capability Set (CS) 21 Integrated Tactical Network (ITN) umbrella, according to service officials.

The army plans to roll out ITN capabilities in two-year increments – CS21, CS23, and CS25 – and plans to wait until the 2023 iteration (CS23) to provide soldiers inside Stryker formations with the ability to operate over the Secure But Unclassified (SBU) enclave while transitioning between mounted and dismounted operations. In preparation, though, it is testing out different networking technology configurations available on these vehicles and hosted a demonstration at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland on 30 June.

“We're taking what we've learned in the infantry brigades, as far as the value of multiple ways to connect and the way to move data, both from an unclassified enclave over to a classified enclave for a unified common operating picture, and moving that over onto a combat

platform,” Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) Brigadier General Robert Collins said during the event. This common operating picture would include vehicle and dismounted soldiers locations, and enable dismounted soldiers to pinpoint locations of interest.

“How To Take A Three-Year-Break From The Army - And What You Owe On Return | Military Times Reports”

Military Times, July 6

<https://www.militarytimes.com/video/2021/07/06/how-to-take-a-three-year-break-from-the-army-and-what-you-owe-on-return-military-times-reports/>

Want to take up to a three-year break from the Army? A new program gives soldiers the opportunity to take a break from service and pursue different endeavors on a long-term sabbatical. Find out what you might owe when you return.

“Army investigates culture and climate at School of Advanced Military Studies”

Army Times, July 6, Davis Winkie

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2021/07/06/army-investigates-culture-and-climate-at-school-of-advanced-military-studies/>

The Army has launched an investigation into the culture and climate at its School of Advanced Military Studies, Army Times has learned.

SAMS is one of four advanced schools that make up the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The investigation came following an internal survey and an Army University survey that “savaged” the school’s director, Col. Brian Payne, according to a SAMS employee.

Payne has faced criticism from students and faculty regarding his leadership style and a rapid, rocky rollout of a new SAMS curriculum during the pandemic, said the employee, who requested anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak with media. New courses lacked quality control, said the employee, and students were frustrated by constant last-minute changes to what they felt were incomplete courses.

Maj. Gen. Donn Hill, provost of Army University, ordered the investigation in June.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Female Vets in Congress Decry Proposal to Disband Pentagon’s Advisory Panel on Women”

Military.com, July 6, Patricia Kime

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/07/06/female-vets-congress-decry-proposal-disband-pentagons-advisory-panel-women.html>

A 70-year-old Defense Department panel focused on women's personnel issues that has advocated for expanded opportunities for female service members must be preserved, say the six female veterans currently serving in Congress.

The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) has been

suspended temporarily and its membership dissolved as part of a cost and efficiency review of the Defense Department's 42 advisory committees that began in January.

But six members of Congress, led by Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Virginia, and Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, say the committee's work is too important for the panel to be dissolved or rolled into the newly formed Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.

"We are the faces of what DACOWITS has meant for women in the military," wrote the lawmakers. "As women veterans in Congress, we know the value of expanding opportunities within the services for women and the value that, in turn, has brought to our Armed Forces."

In January, the Pentagon asked for the resignations of the 21 volunteer members of the committee, a group that included eight retired generals and admirals. The move was part of a larger review of all DoD advisory committees in the wake of last-minute appointments by former President Donald Trump to several boards and committees, including the Defense Business Board.

USCC:

"Cambodian Cadets at American Military Academies Lose US Funding"

Voice of America, July 6, Kimseng Men

<https://www.voanews.com/student-union/cambodian-cadets-american-military-academies-lose-us-funding>

Cambodia's government is stepping in to pay tuition for six Cambodian cadets whose scholarships at four U.S. military academies were rescinded amid increasingly strained ties between Phnom Penh and Washington.

"Following Cambodia's curtailment of cooperation in several areas of traditional bilateral military-military engagement, the country lost its eligibility for the U.S. military service academy program," said Arend Zwartjes, the U.S. Embassy spokesperson in Phnom Penh, in an email to VOA in mid-June.

The students, called cadets at military academies but referred to as midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy, were selected for the scholarship program by the U.S. State Department. Some are not yet enlisted in the Cambodian Royal Armed Forces.

Five of the students petitioned the U.S. Embassy in Cambodia to intervene to help them graduate. In letters sent to U.S. Ambassador W. Patrick Murphy, copies of which were received by VOA's Khmer Service, the students said they considered the decision to be "shockingly bad news" and that they were "heartbroken."

Cambodia's Ministry of Defense announced July 2 it would cover the \$1.1 million remaining tuition for the students.

Sports:

"ARMY WEST POINT"

Madison.com, July 7

https://madison.com/army-west-point/article_9b85f3b1-c9d5-5e05-b5a2-d5235ece70d2.html

When, where: Oct. 15 and 16, Kohl Center

Last meeting: Jan. 2, 1967, a 1-0 Badgers victory in West Point, New York

That last game between the teams was a long time ago, but it still has a family connection to the upcoming season's meetings. Brian Riley is entering his 18th season as coach at West Point, continuing a tradition that has had a Riley leading the team since 1951. Jack Riley coached until giving way to his son Rob in 1986. Brian Riley took over from his brother in 2004. The series is planned for Oct. 15 and 16, wrapping around the Badgers football team's game against Army at Camp Randall Stadium on Oct. 16.

COVID:

“Will the military make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory?”

ABC News, July 6, Luis Martinez

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/military-make-covid-19-vaccine-mandatory/story?id=78689440>

Nearly 70% of all military personnel have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, but a debate has begun to swirl about whether the Pentagon should make vaccinations mandatory for the ranks should the Food and Drug Administration formally approve the vaccine in the future.

While COVID-19 vaccinations in the U.S. military are taking place under the same emergency use authorization that has allowed vaccinations to take place in the general population, Pentagon officials have said publicly that they would consider whether to make the vaccinations mandatory, as is done with more than a dozen other vaccines, should the FDA formally approve the vaccine.

The issue blew up over the weekend when Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., tweeted that he had been contacted by members of the military who told him they would "quit" if ordered to take the vaccine.

The tweet generated both positive and negative responses, with some pointing out that because military personnel sign enlistment contracts they cannot quit. Others noted that the U.S. military requires as many as 17 vaccinations for military service.

Massie later tweeted "NO ONE should be forced or coerced by ANYONE to take the COVID vaccine. The fact that policy discussions in the US are centered around 'proof of vaccine' instead of 'evidence of immunity' shows that science and reason have been drummed out by politics, profits, and superstition."

According to a recent ABC News/Washington Post poll, three in 10 American adults said they have not gotten a coronavirus vaccine and definitely or probably will not get one.

“Covid News: Biden Calls For New Vaccination Push”

The New York Times, July 7, 2021

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/07/06/world/covid-19-vaccine-coronavirus-updates>

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Alumni:

“Ramapo College Officially Welcomes New President To Campus”

Patch.com, July 6, Montana Samuels

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/mahwah/ramapo-college-officially-welcomes-new-president-campus>

MAHWAH, NJ — The beginning of a new era for Ramapo College began on Tuesday as Cindy Jebb began her tenure as the Mahwah college's fifth president. She is the first woman to serve in the role.

The College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Jebb as president on March 5, and the college announced the decision shortly thereafter. The college posted about the beginning of her role on Tuesday.

Jebb comes to Ramapo after a nearly 40-year career in the United States military, including roles at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“Army veteran seeks Warren supervisors seat”

The Northern Virginia Daily, July 6, Alex Bridges

https://www.nvdaily.com/nvdaily/army-veteran-seeks-warren-supervisors-seat/article_3613276a-2661-51b9-9cb0-91f872badf40.html

Jerome K. “Jay” Butler is the lone candidate for the Happy Creek District seat on the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

Butler is running unopposed to succeed longtime Supervisor Tony F. Carter who is not seeking another term. The Warren County Republican Committee nominated Butler as its candidate earlier this spring.

Election Day is Nov. 2.

“I’m excited about this — the opportunity to run for office and possibly be elected to office — because I feel that at this stage of my life, it’s time for me to give back to the community,”

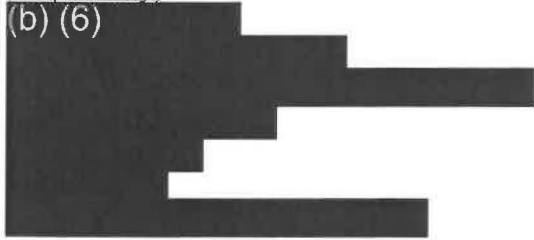
Butler said in a recent interview.

The Oklahoma native joined the U.S. Army at 18 years old and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1978. Butler served in the U.S. Army through the late 1980s where he flew Apache and Cobra helicopters. He then joined the Army Reserves.

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This week's **CST60, 30-7 July**: <https://www.westpoint.edu/military/departments-of-military-instruction/cadet-summer-training>

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Leading News:

Sources: U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan complete 'for all intents and purposes'
Politico, July 7, Lara Seligman
<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/07/us-troop-withdrawal-afghanistan-498671>

The U.S. military's withdrawal from Afghanistan is essentially complete, despite President Joe Biden's comments last week that American troops will leave by late August, according to two U.S. officials.

"The withdrawal is over, for all intents and purposes," said one of the officials with direct knowledge of the situation, who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive planning. "It's done."

The U.S. currently has roughly 600 troops in Afghanistan, most of whom are Marine Corps and Army personnel providing security at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, the person said. The rest of the 600 will be based at the Kabul's Hamid Karzai International Airport, said another U.S. official with direct knowledge of the discussions. All of those troops are expected to remain after the pullout is officially complete, The Associated Press first reported last month.

US Army:

Senior Leaders:

“Senator Describes Push to Stop Deportation of Veterans”

New York Times, July 8, Luke Broadwater

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/07/us/politics/veterans-deported-duckworth.html>

WASHINGTON — Senator Tammy Duckworth, Democrat of Illinois and an Army veteran who lost her legs in the Iraq war, has been pushing hard in Congress in recent weeks to try to end the federal government’s practice of deporting undocumented immigrants who served honorably in the military.

Ms. Duckworth, who was among the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom and who served alongside undocumented immigrants, recently released a report scrutinizing the practice of deporting veterans. She wants her bill to curb the practice included in an immigration package being discussed among a bipartisan group of senators, which itself faces long odds.

The Biden administration on Friday announced plans to provide greater support for deported veterans, including efforts to return those eligible to the United States and provide others with greater access medical care. Ms. Duckworth applauded the move, which she said would “help right some of these wrongs” but added that, “it is still critical Congress change the laws that allowed this to happen in the first place.”

“Cavuto presses Pentagon rep on Afghan pull-out amid Taliban concerns: They 'don't want peaceful negotiation'”

FoxNews.com, July 7, Charles Creitz

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/cavuto-presses-pentagon-spo-on-afghan-pull-out-amid-taliban-concerns-they-dont-want-peaceful-negotiation>

"Your World" host Neil Cavuto on Wednesday pressed the Pentagon press secretary on the potential resurgence of the Taliban as President Biden closes in on his goal of pulling all U.S. troops out of Afghanistan by September 11.

Rear Admiral John Kirby, Ret., said the Pentagon is indeed concerned about Afghanistan but added that the "security situation" proves the need for a successful peace settlement negotiation to end the now 20-year war.

"We said for a long time [that] a military solution is not in the best interest of the Afghan people or the region. We're still pushing and still believe in the security situation argues for a peaceful negotiated solution here," said Kirby, who previously served in the State Department under President Barack Obama.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Are You A First, Only Or Different? Use These 5 Timeless Lessons Of An American Hero To Master Your Success”

Forbes, July 7, Doug Melville

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestheculture/2021/07/07/are-you-a-first-only-or-different-use-these-5-timeless-lessons-of-an-american-hero-to-master-your-success/?sh=1d681e1e1ce3>

In 2015 Shonda Rimes introduced the world to the term F.O.D, an acronym for First, Only or Different, to describe her career experiences. “When you are an F.O.D.,” she wrote, “you are saddled with that burden of extra responsibility — whether you want it or not.” Because F.O.D opportunities are just not yours individually, they are ours collectively as a culture.”

Perspective in this area is critical, and it’s necessary that we take time to pause and look back on the experiences of those who walked before us – particularly within our own families. Many times, not only are they our first allies, but their history is also our history.

This 4th of July, I traveled to DC to reflect on my family origins and celebrate America's birthday by paying respect to the man who raised my Father, and was the center of our family - General Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

While not a household name today, Ben, as we would call him, optimized F.O.D’s in America during his era, and laid the groundwork not only for me as his grandson, but also for American society and for the civil rights of so many diverse Americans.

From graduating West Point while being silenced, to commanding the 15,000+ Tuskegee Airmen as a segregated unit during World War II, to becoming a 4 Star General in the military, Ben was battle tested. After retirement, Ben would go on to work at the Pentagon as a senior official where he led the creation of two American institutions that still stand today - the 55mph speed limit, and commercial airport security. Ben’s whole life was defined by being a leader who opened the doors for generations of Americans to have more opportunities. But because of his race he was constantly treated as if he was invisible.

“100% of military sexual assault survivors feel ‘trapped,’ have suicidal ideations”

PBS News Hour, July 7, Judy Woodruff

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/100-of-military-sexual-assault-survivors-feel-trapped-have-suicidal-ideations>

Approximately 20,000 U.S. military members are sexually assaulted annually. But only 7,816 reported those cases, and only in 350 cases were perpetrators charged with a crime. President Joe Biden and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin created an independent commission to examine possible solutions and endorsed its findings. Nick Schiffrin discusses said findings with commission chair Lynn Rosenthal.

For years, the U.S. military has faced a serious problem with sexual assault and harassment. Past attempts to address this have failed to reduce its prevalence.

Now, after President Biden and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin created an independent commission to examine possible solutions, both have endorsed its findings.

Nick Schiffrin talks with the commission's chair, in her first interview since she released the report.

Sports:

“Air Force names Kevin Anderson associate athletic director” (At the time of this report, there were issues with accessing the link)

Sports365.com, July 8, 2021

<https://www.sports365.info/2021/07/08/air-force-names-kevin-anderson-associate-athletic-director/>

"Throughout his distinguished career in college athletics, Kevin Anderson has garnered a well-deserved reputation for innovation in the athletic ...

"Horowicz honored as best in state"

Spirit of Jefferson, July 7, Bill Cauley

http://www.spiritofjefferson.com/sports/article_8492e434-dea4-11eb-a2bd-6f76481fe542.html

FOR THE PAST three years, Cullen Horowicz has been the power hitter for Jefferson High School's baseball team.

Horowicz, who is off to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he will continue his education, as well as his baseball career, helped lead the Cougars reach this year's Class AAA state semifinals. Regardless of where his name appears in the batting order, Horowicz has been a force to be reckoned with. Through 31 games, he's batted .438 with 42 RBIs, 40 runs scored, and holds the school record for most home runs in a single season (16). Horowicz also had a team-high 12 doubles.

"Shuck named head coach of Bellarmine wrestling"

Bellarmino Athletics, July 7, Adam Pruiett

<https://athletics.bellarmino.edu/news/2021/7/7/wrestling-shuck-named-head-coach-of-bellarmino-wrestling.aspx>

OUISVILLE, Ky. — Bellarmine University Director of Athletics Scott Wiegandt announced Wednesday that Ned Shuck has been hired as the head coach of the Bellarmine University wrestling team.

Shuck becomes the second head coach in the short history of the program, which launched in 2016. A member of the Southern Conference, Bellarmine is coming off its first season in Division I in 2020-21 after making the rise from DII.

Shuck spent the previous three seasons at Army West Point, the latter two of which he was the associate head wrestling coach after being promoted in 2019-20. In all three years of his tenure, the Black Knights had seven wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Championship.

"Duke Announces Additions to Swimming & Diving Staff"

Duke Swimming and Diving, July 7, Staff Writer

<https://goduke.com/news/2021/7/7/duke-announces-additions-to-swimming-diving-staff.aspx>

"We are very excited to have both Riley and Carlye joining our Duke coaching staff," Colella said. "Both of them come from decorated undergraduate careers as Riley swam for the University of Alabama and Carlye for the University of Texas. I know that their experiences as student-athletes and their 20-plus years of coaching experience will undoubtedly make a large impact on this team immediately and for years to come. Each of them have done great things and we are thrilled to add them to our DSDT family."

Prior to joining the Owls, Boulden spent three years (2014-17) as an assistant coach for the men's and women's programs at Army West Point, where he helped both teams earn second-

place finishes at the Patriot League Championships. He played a role in coaching multiple individual conference title winners, while also training athletes at US Nationals, World Trials and the 2016 Olympic Trials.

COVID:

“Military weighing mandatory COVID-19 vaccine after full FDA approval”

Military Times, July 7, David Winkie

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/06/military-weighing-mandatory-covid-19-vaccine-after-full-fda-approval/>

Defense Department senior leaders have had “preliminary discussions” about making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for all U.S. troops once the vaccines receive full approval from the Food and Drug Administration, Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby said during a Tuesday afternoon press briefing.

Kirby was adamant that the vaccine remains voluntary — for now.

“Right now it’s being used under Emergency Use Authorization, which makes it a voluntary vaccine,” he said. “Should the FDA approve it, then I am certain that Pentagon leadership will take a look at what our options are going forward, including the potential option of making mandatory.”

But when a reporter asked him about the Army ordering its commands to prepare for the vaccine to become mandatory in September, Kirby added that the military is already considering its “logical next steps...if and when FDA approval comes in.”

“Covid News: Biden Calls For New Vaccination Push”

The New York Times, July 8, Sarabeth Maney

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/07/06/world/covid-19-vaccine-coronavirus-updates>

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West Point Scholar: ‘IDF Strike of the Al Jalaa Tower was Legal’

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13 JUL: LTG Leslie Smith, Army IG, will talk to a BOLC graduating class at the Army Medical CoE and will lead an OPD event with student officers.

13 JUL: SMA Michael Grinston will travel to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin to talk with Army leaders and Soldiers on helping rotational-training units build more cohesive teams.

13 JUL: The SASC will hold a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Michael Connor to be the ASA for Civil Works.

Leading News:

“‘Overdue’: Biden sets Aug. 31 for US exit from Afghanistan”

Associated Press, July 9, Zeke Miller

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/e2-80-98overdue-e2-80-99-biden-sets-aug-31-for-us-exit-from-afghanistan/ar-AALWHEG?ocid=BingNewsSearch>

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden says the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan will end on Aug. 31, delivering an impassioned argument for exiting the nearly 20-year war without sacrificing more American lives even as he bluntly acknowledged there will be no “mission accomplished” moment to celebrate.

Biden pushed back against the notion the U.S. mission has failed but also noted that it remains unlikely the government would control all of Afghanistan after the U.S. leaves. He urged the Afghan government and Taliban, which he said remains as formidable as it did before the start of the war, to come to a peace agreement.

"We did not go to Afghanistan to nation build," Biden said in a Thursday speech from the White House's East Room. "Afghan leaders have to come together and drive toward a future."

Senior Leaders:

In Forceful Defense of Afghan Withdrawal, Biden Says U.S. Achieved Its Objectives

The New York Times, July 8, Michael D. Shear

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/08/us/politics/biden-afghanistan-withdrawal.html>

President Biden vigorously defended his decision to end America's 20-year war in Afghanistan on Thursday, asserting that the United States can no longer afford the human cost or strategic distraction of a conflict that he said had strayed far from its initial mission.

Speaking after the withdrawal of nearly all U.S. combat forces and as the Taliban surge across the country, Mr. Biden, often in blunt and defensive tones, spoke directly to critics of his order to bring an Office of Chief of Public Affairs end to American participation in a conflict born from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He said the United States would formally end its military mission at the end of August.

"Let me ask those who want us to stay: How many more?" Mr. Biden said in remarks in the East Room of the White House. "How many thousands more American daughters and sons are you willing to risk? And how long would you have them stay?"

Mr. Biden said he was not declaring "mission accomplished," but he made clear that the future of the country — including the fate of the current government and concerns about the rights of women and girls — was no longer in the hands of the American military.

Responding to questions from reporters about his decision to bring the war to a close, Mr. Biden grew testy as he rejected the likelihood that Americans would have to flee from Kabul as they did from Saigon in 1975. He insisted that the United States had done more than enough to empower the Afghan police and military to secure the future of their people.

"Air Force Academy professor defends critical race theory criticized by congressman"

The Washington Examiner, July 7, Mike Brest

https://gazette.com/military/air-force-academy-professor-defends-critical-race-theory-criticized-by-congressman/article_83d9d30f-c666-5a11-90af-93a0b04dc7a7.html

A professor at the Air Force Academy said critical race theory is "vital," claiming the United States has a history of racism that "shaped both foreign and domestic policy."

Teaching the theory "is not unpatriotic," said Lynne Chandler Garcia, an associate professor at the school in Colorado Springs, adding that it does not "promote division among our military members."

“Pentagon pushes back at GOP lawmakers over critical race theory claims”

Politico, July 8, Lara Seligman

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/08/critical-race-theory-pentagon-gop-498806>

The Pentagon is defending comments made by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin after GOP lawmakers claimed the military chief misrepresented the department's stance on the teaching of critical race theory.

On Wednesday, an Air Force Academy professor wrote an op-ed in defense of discussing the subject with cadets, which prompted the lawmakers to criticize Austin, who said last month that the military does not teach critical race theory.

"There is no contradiction here. The Secretary's comments stand," Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby told POLITICO Thursday. "That a professor at an academic institution such as the Air Force Academy teaches a given theory as part of an elective course does not in the slightest way signify some larger effort by the Department to teach, espouse or embrace said theory.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“How to Stop Political Division from Eroding Military-Academic Relations”

Defense One, July 8, Rikki H. Sargent

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2021/07/how-stop-political-division-eroding-military-academic-relations/183588/>

Much has been written about how our political polarization undermines U.S. national security by enabling adversaries' influence operations, but the divide among us also hinders fruitful collaboration between academics and the Defense Department. This worries us because the need for diverse, multispecialty teams has never been higher.

Although expressly apolitical, academia is largely left-leaning and the military is largely right-leaning, and these ideological leanings are intensifying. From 1989 to 2016, the liberal-to-conservative faculty ratio doubled, from 2.3 to 5. The self-identifying liberal shift leveled off in more recent years as polarization increased. But the discrepancy remains. A meta-study on political party identification released just before President Joe Biden's inauguration found 48 percent of academic professors registered as Democrat, whereas only 6 percent registered as Republican.

There is no good polling of the military's political leanings. In the most recent Military Times survey of its readers, often considered the next-best thing to a statistically accurate sample, favorability toward Trump fell among active duty troops by August 2020—long before Trump's post-election disputes, the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, and recent right-wing criticism of military leaders' initiatives on race and extremism—but there was still a pronounced discrepancy: 40 percent identified as Republican or Libertarian versus just 16 percent as Democrat. It is opposite to that of professors.

“Today in military history: First female officer in the US Army”

We Are the Mighty, July 8, Team Mighty

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/articles/today-in-military-history-first-female-officer-in-the-us-army/>

On July 9, 1947, Florence Blanchfield became the first female officer in the United States Army.

After 30 years of service in the Army Nurse Corps, where she held the position of superintendent during World War II, Blanchfield earned her commission through the Army-Navy Nurse Act of 1947.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Blanchfield to be a lieutenant colonel in the Army, making her the first woman to hold permanent military rank in the United States. Blanchfield herself helped secure passage of the Army-Navy Nurse Act, which provided permanent commissioned officer status for members of the Army Nurse Corps.

of the many thousands of women who served as military nurses during World War II, not one received the same rights, privileges or pay as her male counterparts of equal rank. The comptroller general declared that, under the laws which governed military pay, "Women were not persons."

Sports:

"Army West Point Hockey Welcomes Nine New Face to the Black Knights Program"

Army West Point Athletics, July 8, Staff Writer

<https://www.bcsnn.com/hockey/638-army-west-point-hockey-welcomes-nine-new-face-to-the-black-knights-program>

Army West Point Head Hockey Coach Brian Riley has announced that nine new faces will be joining the Black Knights locker room next season as a part of the Class of 2025.

The incoming Cadet-Athletes began their time on the Hudson this past weekend, when they were welcomed during the 2021 R-Day ceremonies. These players will join an Army team that is coming off a 15-5-1 record and that is returning a bulk of talent to West Point. Coach Riley is excited to see the impact this group will have on the future of the program.

"We are extremely excited about the nine young men that started their 47-month experience here at West Point this week," said Coach Riley. "Not only will they be a great addition to our team but they will be a great addition to the Corps of Cadets as well."

The Army Hockey Class of 2025 represents eight different states and includes five forwards, three defenseman and one goaltender.

West Point next post for Gatorade player of the year

Shepherd Town Chronicle, July 9, Bob Madison

<https://www.shepherdstownchronicle.com/sports/local-sports/2021/07/09/west-point-next-post-for-gatorade-player-of-the-year/>

SHEPHERDSTOWN — The picturesque Hudson River below its cliffs. In the fall, pastel-colored leaves rising on the slopes above its campus. History behind every tree and campus symbol.

It's West Point in New York state, home of the United States Military Academy or Army

West Point as the revered school calls its athletic teams.

Army West Point is a member of the Patriot League in baseball. And part of its legacy will now include a 2021 conference championship and admission into the 64-team NCAA baseball tournament field.

The Black Knights of the Hudson scrambled past Lehigh and Lafayette to win the league's baseball tournament and earn the right to enter the NCAA event that just ended in Omaha with Mississippi State winning its first-ever national championship in any sport.

If everything goes according to plan, the 2022 Cadets will have infielder Cullen Horowicz on their roster.

“Dec commits to play football, serve country at Army”

Ponte Vedra Recorder, July 8, Anthony Richards

<https://pontevedrarecorder.com/stories/dec-commits-to-play-football-serve-country-at-army,13120?>

Many high schoolers commit to universities to play their specific sport at the college level, but for Sam Dec, his commitment to play football at the United States Military Academy means that and so much more.

The Nease senior verbally committed to Army via Twitter on June 29 and not only will he get the opportunity to continue playing the sport he loves, but he has also committed to serving and defending the country he loves.

“It’s just a great feeling overall, because since middle school it has always been a distant dream, so it’s great for it to be actually happening,” Dec said.

For Dec, his decision came down to choosing between several schools, such as Navy, Air Force, UMass, Colorado State and Arkansas State.

According to Dec, choosing between the military academies was extremely difficult, because they each possessed something special.

However, he always felt a connection with Army from the first time he toured the campus.

“That was my first visit, and I had a really good feeling going away,” Dec said. “It felt like a really good fit for me.”

“Exit Interview: Ridgefield DL Bailey Meek”

247 Sports, July 9, Ryland Spencer

<https://247sports.com/high-school/washington/Article/Exit-Interview-Ridgefield-Spudder-DL-Bailey-Meek-Army-Black-Knights-167559990/>

We continue our Exit Interview Series with DL Bailey Meek of Ridgefield High School. Meek has signed with the Army Black Knights.

At 6-foot-5, 255-pounds, it seems like it would be hard to fly under the radar, but that was the case for Meek. He received his first offer in late March of 2020, and things took off from there.

When it was all said and done, Meek would have 14 offers by the end of July, before ultimately choosing to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Meek has all the tools and drive to be a big-time player and student for the Black Knights.

COVID:

“First Thing: US in race against Delta variant as Covid cases rise in nearly half of states”

The Guardian, July 8, Miranda Bryant

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/jul/08/first-thing-us-in-race-against-delta-variant-as-covid-cases-rise-in-nearly-half-of-states>

The US is in a race against the Delta variant amid rising Covid cases in nearly half of states and fears of another surge.

More than nine out of 10 Americans who died from coronavirus in June were unvaccinated, Anthony Fauci, the country's top public health official, has warned. Meanwhile, Joe Biden has urged the millions of unvaccinated Americans to get protected.

The highly infectious Delta variant, or B.1.617.2, now accounts for more than 50% of all new US cases and up to 80% of cases in some regions, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“Pfizer to seek FDA authorization for COVID-19 vaccine booster shot

The Week, July 8, Catherine Garcia

<https://theweek.com/coronavirus/1002426/pfizer-to-seek-fda-authorization-for-covid-19-vaccine-booster-shot>

Pfizer plans on asking the Food and Drug Administration next month for emergency authorization of a third dose of its COVID-19 vaccine, the company told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Early data from its booster study suggests that after a third shot, antibody levels jump five- to ten-fold, compared to the second dose given months early, Pfizer's Dr. Mikael Dolsten said. He added that data from Britain and Israel shows the vaccine "neutralizes" the highly-contagious Delta variant "very well." The Delta variant now accounts for more than 50 percent of all new infections in the United States.

Dr. William Schaffner, a vaccine expert at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, told AP that even if the authorization is granted by the FDA, public health officials will still have to weigh whether booster shots are necessary, since millions of Americans have protection due to their first two doses. The COVID-19 vaccines "were designed to keep us out of the hospital," he said, and it would be "a huge effort" to get people their third dose "while we are at the moment striving to get people the first dose." Now, 48 percent of Americans are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Alumni:

“Nicole Heavirland spent years preparing for the moment she can call herself an Olympian”

Billings Gazette, July 9, Lindsay Rossmiller

https://billingsgazette.com/sports/olympics/nicole-heavirland-spent-years-preparing-for-the-moment-she-can-call-herself-an-olympian/article_88fba6a0-bef7-513a-9f8b-4069d4d439af.html

BILLINGS – Nicole Heavirland has looked at the letter hanging on her wall for five years.

“I pinned the Olympic letter in 2016 of it saying that I didn’t make the team and pinned it in my room so I could see it everyday as motivation to make sure that didn’t happen again,” Heavirland said.

Heavirland, who is from Whitefish, is partway to that goal. On June 17 she was one of twelve players named to the USA Rugby Women’s sevens team to compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

While at West Point, the rugby coach kept asking if she wanted to join the team. She came back to the pitch during spring semester 2015 where she was named a U.S. Military Academy All-American, but in November of that year she got a call from the national team coach offering her the chance to train with the U.S. at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California.

“So I took that opportunity to shoot for the 2016 Rio Olympics and left West Point my sophomore year,” Heavirland said. “Ultimately, I’m super pleased with my decision.”

After Lake Country rejection, where does statue of Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith go now?

Orlando Sentinel July 8, Stephen Hudak

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/breaking-news/os-ne-edmund-kirby-smith-statue-future-20210708-icssiocynbapdaordz4p6wurx4-story.html>

When the Civil War ended, Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, the first native Floridian appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the last Southern general to give up the fight, fled his fractured homeland for Mexico, fearing he was marked as a man wanted for treason.

Who wants him now?

After Lake County commissioners voted, 4-1, a year ago against bringing the general’s 2,762-pound bronze statue to their historical museum once it’s evicted from the U.S. Capitol, no other county asked permission to take in Smith’s uniformed military figure, said Mark Ard, Florida Department of State spokesman.

USCC:

“Training offers glimpse of the future profession to West Point cadets”

U.S. Army Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, July 8, Capt. Sean Minton

<https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/about/news/training-offers-glimpse-future-profession-west-point-cadets>

Five Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, temporarily assigned to 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, complete their three-week

Cadet Troop Leader Training on Saturday, July 3, on Fort Stewart. CTLT gives cadets from West Point and ROTC the opportunity to experience leadership and a day-in-the-life of Army second and first lieutenants in active-duty units every summer.

Cadets attending locations in the continental U.S. are given three weeks with their selected unit and those attending locations overseas are given four weeks. Cadets are assigned a unit mentor, provided lodging at or near the military post, and provided meals at an on-base dining facility.

Cadet Danielle Cross, a fourth-year cadet at West Point and a Life Science major, was temporarily assigned to the 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID. "It's been a lot of fun. It's been really cool to see what a sapper engineer company does and to be out in the field and do a couple of their different training exercises with them," Cross said.

CTLT enables cadets going into their third or fourth year at university to see a day-in-the-life of an Army lieutenant and gives them insight into what their future holds. Because cadets attend CTLT before they rank the Army's 17 basic branches for their branch selection, the experience gives them a chance to test run their number one choice or an alternate branch they may be contemplating.

Other:

"Andbox signs USAA as New York Subliners partner"

Esports Observer, July 8, Trent Murray

<https://esportsobserver.com/andbox-usaa-ny-subliners/>

New York-based esports organization Andbox has secured a deal that will make USAA the official insurance and military appreciation partner of its Call of Duty League team New York Subliners. The multiyear partnership will make USAA the first partner to be featured on NYSL jerseys both inside the game and out.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

Through the deal, Andbox will create content surrounding the United States Military Academy at West Point and its esports team which competes in Call of Duty.

Andbox recently expanded its NYSL brand to include a Call of Duty Mobile team.

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DOD:

12 JUL: Soldier athletes with the Army's WCAP will lead an AUSA podcast on opportunities the Army provides to Soldier athletes, allowing them to build successful lives in the military and continue to compete at the highest levels of competition (<https://www.ausa.org/podcast>).

12-13 JUL: NBC's "Today Show" will interview Soldier athletes with the Army's WCAP who will be competing in the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics (expected to air 26 or 27 JUL).

13 JUL: CSA GEN James McConville and MG Kevin Vereen, CG of USAREC, will recognize top recruiting company command teams during a ceremony at the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon. GEN McConville will also participate in an Irregular Warfare Podcast on how the Army will advance its multi-domain operations to win on future battlefields (public release TBD).

13 JUL: LTG Leslie Smith, Army IG, will talk to a BOLC graduating class at the Army Medical CoE and will lead an OPD event with student officers.

13 JUL: SMA Michael Grinston will travel to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin to talk with Army leaders and Soldiers on helping rotational-training units build more cohesive teams. (Local media)

13 JUL: The SASC will hold a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Michael Connor to be the ASA for Civil Works.

Leading News:

"Panetta calls on Biden to mandate COVID-19 vaccines for military"

The Hill, July 10, Caroline Vakil

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/562401-panetta-calls-on-biden-to-mandate-covid-19-vaccines-for-military>

Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said that President Biden should require all military members to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

In an interview with Greta Van Susteren set to air on Sunday, Panetta said it was a matter of "national security."

"I frankly think the president ought to issue an order requiring everybody in the military to get a COVID-19 shot, period. That's an issue involving our national security," Panetta, who served under the Obama administration, said. "The last damn thing you need is to have those

in the military that are our warriors unable to respond to a mission because they've gotten COVID-19. There's no excuse for that.”

“When I was in the Army, I got every shot required by the military, shots in both arms as well as everywhere else. There is no reason we should not require a COVID-19 shot for everyone in the military, period,” he continued.

More than half of all service members are at least partially vaccinated as of late June.

The Navy reported a 77 percent vaccination rate for active-duty sailors, while 70 percent of troops in the Army are vaccinated, as are 61 percent in the Air Force and 58 percent in the Marine Corps.

However, thousands of military members have still not gotten the vaccine.

The vaccines are under an emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Therefore, the Pentagon cannot legally require that all military members get the vaccine, although Biden could grant an exception to this rule.

US Army:

“Top U.S. commander in Afghanistan to step down Monday, marking a symbolic end to 20 years of war”

The Washington Post, July 12, Dan Lamothe

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2021/07/12/last-us-general-afghanistan/>

The top U.S. general in Afghanistan will step down on Monday, marking a symbolic end to 20 years of American military involvement here — and coming as an ascendant Taliban threatens to topple the central government.

Army Gen. Austin “Scott” Miller, who has overseen the war effort for nearly three years, will relinquish responsibility in a ceremony at the top U.S. military headquarters. President Biden said last week that the military withdrawal he ordered will be complete Aug. 31, but Miller’s departure is among the only pieces left. Virtually all other troops, contractors and equipment already have exited, defense officials said on the condition of anonymity because of the issue’s sensitivity.

Miller will depart Afghanistan as the war’s longest-serving senior U.S. officer. A former commander of the elite Delta Force, he oversaw a tumultuous period that included the Trump administration’s 2020 deal with the Taliban that set the stage for withdrawal, and the final call by Biden in April to remove all troops.

Senior Leaders:

“Critical Race Theory Is On the March in the Military | Opinion”

Newsweek, July 12, Mark Davis

<https://www.newsweek.com/critical-race-theory-march-military-opinion-1608131>

The summer headlines are filled with stories of citizens pushing back against critical race

theory (CRT) at various school board meetings. Faced with the prospect of a curriculum that views the entire American journey through a lens of perpetual racial grievance, many parents are rising up, as taxpaying consumers of public education, and saying "no."

Using that same model, if every taxpayer has a stake in the policies of the military, we may need to find out where to report to stop this same trend at the Pentagon. The doctrines and texts of CRT are finding disturbing favor among our armed forces. It starts at the top, where Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mark

Milley bristled at a recent congressional hearing when asked to defend a seminar at West Point called, "Understanding Whiteness and White Rage."

Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL), a former U.S. Army officer who apparently prefers seminars on how to defeat our enemies, got an earful from Milley: "I want to understand white rage. And I'm white. I want to understand it."

"Military commanders aren't getting necessary legal training, government review finds"

Stars And Stripes, July 9, Nancy Montgomery

<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2021-07-09/sexual-assault-commander-accountability-government-2098307.html>

Legal training provided to commanders may be inadequate, a government watchdog agency found in a report released as Congress determines whether to remove commanders from prosecutorial decision-making in cases involving suspected sexual assault.

The Government Accountability Office, after analyzing legal training and holding discussions with commanders and legal support staff, found that "perspectives varied on the general preparedness of commanders to address legal issues.

"In addition, GAO found that the timing, amount, and mix of legal training provided to commanders may not be meeting their needs," said the report released Thursday.

Commanders may be responsible for many legal duties, including making criminal justice decisions, conforming with international law and complying with the rules of engagement in combat.

Legal training is generally reserved for mid-level commanders, but "commanders from all four services indicated that they would have benefited from dedicated legal training earlier in their careers," the report said.

Sports:

"Athlete of the Year: Mohawk's Lape turns in a golden sports season"

New Castle News, July 12, Joe Sager

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/sports/local_sports/athlete-of-the-year-mohawks-lape-turns-in-a-golden-sports-season/article_4ff682ec-e2cf-11eb-af27-d7b64536314c.html

Fall, winter and spring, there was one color that always looked good on Nadia Lape — gold.

The Mohawk graduate won WPIAL championships in cross country, basketball and track and

field during the 2020-21 school year, the rare athlete to complete a seasonal sweep. That left no doubt that she'd repeat as Lawrence County's Female Athlete of the Year as voted upon by the New Castle News sports staff. She is a daughter of Kirk and Jenn Lape.

"It definitely is very impressive. To be a three-time in WPIAL champ in one year alone is incredible," Mohawk girls track and field coach Cameron Schirmer said. "When you consider it, it was her fourth consecutive WPIAL championship since there was no track and field season (in 2020 due to COVID-19 precautions). It's pretty cool what she accomplished."

Lape was unavailable for comment because she is going through Cadet Basic Training at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where she will compete for the track and field team. However, her actions throughout her career spoke volumes.

"Look Back: Football song at West Point Military Academy written by Wyoming Valley musician"

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1501725/look-back-football-song-at-west-point-military-academy-written-by-wyoming-valley-musician>

Times Leader, July 11, Ed Lewis

On Friday, July 18, 1958, Congressman Daniel J. Flood stood in the U.S. Capitol's House of Representatives to note West Point Military Academy had drafted their football song composed by Thomas A. Jones of Nanticoke.

Flood introduced a July 15, 1958, newspaper article in the Wilkes-Barre Record reporting Jones' song titled, "The American Soldier," was adopted by the military academy.

"A march composed by a retired Wilkes-Barre mine engineer during World War II has been adopted by a second military unit," Flood remarked while quoting the newspaper article. "Thomas Jones, 81, a resident of Sutton Home, 57 W. Jackson St., has been informed his composition, the American Soldier, has been adopted by West Point for a football song. Cadets at the military academy have written words for the song."

Jones' musical piece was written during World War II and initially adopted by the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., by Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, then a major general, and renamed "All American Soldier," in 1942.

COVID:

"Former NYC Health Commissioner: Threshold For Herd Immunity Against COVID-19 Will Be Higher Due To Highly Contagious Delta Variant"

CBS, July 11

<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2021/07/11/covid-delta-variant-herd-immunity/>

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — There's more concern over the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus.

As cases surge, New York City's former health commissioner, Dr. Tom Frieden, has a warning.

On Twitter, he said, "The higher infectivity of Delta means the threshold for herd immunity

will be higher.”

He says while a 70% vaccination rate may have been enough to reach herd immunity against the initial strain of COVID-19, it “likely isn’t high enough against Delta, as shown by case increases in places like the UK and Israel, which have high vaccination rates.”

Alumni:

“Montgomery Meigs, former commander of US Army Europe, dies at 76”

Stars and Stripes, July 9, John Vandiver

<https://www.stripes.com/veterans/2021-07-09/former-usareur-boss-meigs-dies-at-76-2097681.html>

STUTTGART, Germany — Retired Gen. Montgomery Meigs, a combat veteran who commanded the Army in Europe for four years and hailed from a storied line of military officers, died Tuesday in Texas. He was 76.

Meigs led U.S. Army Europe from 1998 to 2002, overseeing about 60,000 soldiers on the Continent. He also commanded NATO’s peacekeeping force in Bosnia, when thousands of U.S. soldiers fanned out across the Balkans.

As the USAREUR boss in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Meigs was in charge as garrisons across Europe went from having relatively relaxed post-Cold War security conditions to becoming the highly secured compounds of today.

An obituary from an Austin, Texas, funeral home did not mention the cause of Meigs’ death.

Meigs was an Annapolis, Md., native and a 1967 graduate of West Point. His father, a lieutenant colonel, was killed during World War II in France, months before he was born.

Meigs also was a third great-nephew of the Civil War general Montgomery Meigs, who was a quartermaster general for the Union and was instrumental in the establishment of Arlington National Cemetery. He is also credited as “engineer of the Capitol” in Washington.

Decades before assuming command in Europe, Meigs began his Army career with cavalry units in Germany and Vietnam.

He later came back to West Point as an instructor and earned his doctorate in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982, said the Association of the United States Army, where Meigs was a life member. He also led the Germany-based 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division into Operation Desert Storm in Iraq.

“Nicole Heavirland makes Olympic dream come true”

Plane7 Sevens, July 12

<https://planet7s.com/2021/07/12/nicole-heavirland-makes-olympic-dream-come-true/>

Nicole Heavirland, the USA Eagles rugby 7s skipper has fulfilled a life long dream of playing in the Olympic Games. She has been a key member of the USA Rugby women’s sevens program for the past five years.

On June 17, the captains dream became a reality when USA Rugby announced their 2020 Tokyo Olympic Squad, Heavirland made the top 12 players named for the games.

The stars hard work has paid off with the highest athletic achievement any athlete dreams about.

"She's so regimented; she's given up a lot, like eating candy or eating bad foods. It's a sacrifice she wants to do, and we're so proud of her," said Carmen Heavirland in an interview.

The West Point graduate grew up playing basketball which no doubt has helped her ball skills for Rugby as she fell in love with the sport.

Other:

"Climb to Glory/War Letters" Campaign: National initiative to honor 10th Mountain Division

seeking letters, emails from active-duty members, veterans and families"

Watertown Daily Times (NY), July 10, Rachel Burt

https://www.nny360.com/news/statenews/climb-to-glory-war-letters-campaign-national-initiative-to-honor-10th-mountain-division-seeking-letters/article_1fbdd58f-eea8-576f-b0e3-17defc7d332a.html

"I just hope that I made you proud, and if I don't come home for any reason I just want you to know I'll always be with you."

These words were penned by Sgt. Joshua M. Harapko in a letter to his mother, Pat Moran, before the battle of Tora Bora in Afghanistan in 2001. Sgt. Harapko survived the battle and came home alive, but later died in a routine training exercise on Fort Drum in 2003 at the age of 23.

Soon, his words, along with those of his fellow brothers in arms of the 10th Mountain Division, both past and present, will be displayed for all to see.

The "Climb to Glory/War Letters" Campaign has been launched to find letters and emails written by active-duty members and veterans of the 10th Mountain Division, as well as by their families. The announcement was made Saturday to mark the anniversary of when the 10th Mountain Division was constituted on July 10, 1943.

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-This week's one-minute feature #CST60 highlighting **CLDT**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZLRJrLZzv8>

- If you missed it, take a look at how the cadet cadre facilitated the arrival of candidates at **USMAPS R-Day** on 12 July: <https://youtu.be/kAyfcWGsOEI>

DOD:

14 JUL: GEN John M. Murray, CG of AFC, will deliver the closing keynote at the JADC2 Summit at Texas A&M University.

14 JUL: Mr. J.E. "Jack" Surash, SOPTD of the ASA for IE&E, will deliver testimony as part of a HASC-R Subcommittee posture hearing on installation readiness, energy and environments.

14 JUL: SMA Michael Grinston will speak at the American School Counselors Association national conference in Las Vegas.

14 JUL: Army athletes who qualified for the 2020 Tokyo games will participate in a virtual Meet Your Army panel discussion.

15 JUL: GEN Paul E. Funk II, CG of TRADOC CG, will participate in a Facebook Live event on Army recruiting efforts at 1100 EDT.

Leading News:

"New book pulls back curtain on 1976 West Point cheating scandal"

Army Times, July 13, Caitlin O'Brien

<https://www.armytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2021/07/13/new-book-pulls-back-curtain-on-1976-west-point-cheating-scandal/>

The release of a new book, one coming on the heels of the 2020 cheating scandal that shook the United States Military Academy at West Point, is offering new perspectives on another cheating controversy that ensnared cadets at the institution 45 years ago.

"Choosing the Harder Right" tells the story of Cadet Timothy Ringgold, who stood up to senior leadership at his beloved school and aided fellow cadets during the infamous 1976 West Point cheating scandal.

Ringgold was a year away from graduating in 1976, when he and other cadets were selected at random to meet with then-Under Secretary of the Army Norman R. Augustine. Each was questioned about a scandal involving 153 upperclassmen who resigned or were expelled for

cheating on an electrical engineering exam. The secretary of the Army went as far as appointing a select commission headed by former astronaut Frank Borman to review the case. By the end of the ordeal, more than 90 of those caught cheating were reinstated and allowed to graduate.

“Rep. Mike Waltz: Military and critical race theory – this is why we shouldn't teach soldiers to hate US”

Fox News, July 13, Michael Waltz

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/military-critical-race-theory-academies-soldiers-rep-mike-waltz>

Imagine being a recent graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and you are given your first orders as an infantry officer in command of a unit in an active war zone.

You are thousands of miles away from home and responsible for the lives under your command. Like in most instances, your unit is comprised of soldiers of mixed ethnicities, religions and backgrounds.

With all this in mind, you were also taught in a government-funded course that the institutions you serve and that your unit swore an oath to defend, are inherently racist, and that inherent inequality based on skin color should impact your decision making.

Does this impact your thinking as you order a soldier to move forward against a machine gun? Will you select a soldier of a different race because you have White guilt?

Senior Leaders:

“Senate confirms permanent director for CISA”

Federal News Network, July 13, Peter Musurlian

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/federal-newscast/2021/07/senate-confirms-permanent-director-for-cisa/>

The Senate confirms President Joe Biden's permanent pick to lead the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Jen Easterly is a West Point grad, Rhodes Scholar and retired Army lieutenant colonel. She will lead CISA after helping to stand up the Army's first cyber battalion and a cyber red team for the Cyberspace Solarium Commission. In this new role, Easterly said CISA will protect federal civilian networks and lead the federal response effort to major cyber attacks. Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) had placed a hold on Easterly's nomination, until Vice President Kamala Harris completed a visit to the US-Mexico border.

“Camarillo nominated for Army undersecretary”

Inside Defense, July 13, Ethan Sterenfeld

<https://www.govconwire.com/2021/07/saics-gabe-camarillo-nominated-for-army-undersecretary-post/>

President Biden intends to nominate Gabe Camarillo as the Army under secretary, the White House announced today.

Camarillo served as the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology and the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve

affairs during the Obama administration.

He worked during the Trump administration for McKinsey & Co. and Science Applications International Corp., according to his LinkedIn profile.

At SAIC, Camarillo led the company's naval sea and air systems operations and was the vice president of strategy for the defense systems group

US Army:

"The Army Is Flirting Hard With Electric Vehicles, But Isn't Quite Ready to Commit"

Popular Mechanics, July 13, Kyle Mizokami

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/research/a37001881/us-army-electric-vehicles/>

The U.S. Army, which owns one of the largest vehicle fleets in the world, is keeping a watchful eye on the progress of electric vehicles (EV).

The Army must carefully weigh the trade-offs of traditional internal combustion engines (ICE) against evolving EV technology. While the service is eager to cast off the disadvantages of ICE, such as shipping vast quantities of fuel to the battlefield, it doesn't believe larger armored vehicles, particularly tanks, will go electric any time soon.

During a recent Army-sponsored technology day, manufacturers showed off their latest EV tech, including an electric version of the new Infantry Squad Vehicle, which GM Defense developed in just 12 weeks. The Army is reportedly considering hybrid vehicles and a new technology that cuts fuel consumption while idling, but it isn't ready to make the jump to electric just yet. Larger, heavier armored combat vehicles powered by electricity are even further away.

The Army operates a staggering 225,000 vehicles of all kinds, from Humvees to 70-ton Abrams tanks. All of these vehicles use internal combustion engines, which are reliable, but also consume enormous amounts of diesel and gasoline fuel. In combat, just one armored division could require up to 500,000 gallons of fuel a day, which would often have to be shipped and then trucked into the battle zone on supply lines stretching thousands of miles. Meanwhile, EVs are gaining ground against their ICE rivals. In 2020, EVs accounted for just 2.6 percent of global car sales, but that included a 40 percent increase over previous sales. Countries like France are eliminating internal combustion by 2040, while California and New York are banning most ICE engines by 2035. It's increasingly likely that the future belongs to EVs.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"House appropriators want Pentagon to get tough on extremists in the ranks"

Roll Call, July 14, John M. Donnelly

<https://www.rollcall.com/2021/07/13/house-appropriators-want-pentagon-to-get-tough-on-extremists-in-the-ranks/>

The House Appropriations Committee would require Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III to report to lawmakers soon on progress in keeping violent extremists out of the U.S. military.

and the individuals who played it at DePauw.

Mourouzis's influence has reached the National Football League, with DePauw alums working as an assistant general manager, an assistant coach and collegiate scouts, and higher education, with alums working as head coaches and assistants. He called this his Tiger den; others in football call a coach's expansive influence in the game a coaching tree.

Another thread that ran through these interviews? Most of those interviewed used present-tense verbs when they talked about Mourouzis, perhaps unable to grapple with his death and their inability, thanks to COVID-19, to gather en masse to mourn him. And at least four of these former football players, would-be tough guys all, choked up when they talked about their late coach.

TUCKER WAUGH '93: Overcoming adversity

Tucker Waugh - West Point Academy Tucker Waugh transferred to DePauw for the second semester of his freshman year and had "an awesome experience" as a backup quarterback for three years.

His father coached football for 58 years, but their relationship was centered on home life, not the football field, Waugh said, so "I learned probably more from Coach Nick than I did from anyone else."

As a second-string player, he spent a lot of time with the coaching staff, especially Mourouzis, who taught him "how to treat people, how to coach in every situation, how to handle all the different adversity that may come his way."

"Men's Hockey to Host Army West Point to Begin 2021-22 Season"

Friars.com, July 13

<https://friars.com/news/2021/7/13/mens-ice-hockey-mens-hockey-to-host-army-west-point-to-begin-2021-22-season.aspx>

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Providence College Head Coach Nate Leaman announced today (July 13) that the Friar men's hockey team will begin the 2021-22 season at home against Army West Point on Saturday, October 2. Puck drop is slated for 4 p.m. at Schneider Arena.

Fans interested in purchasing season tickets for Providence College men's hockey can click [here](#) or call/text the Friar Ticket Office at 401-865-4672.

The remainder of the 2021-22 schedule will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

COVID:

"Border-area Army base accounts for most US military COVID-19 cases in South Korea"

Stars and Stripes, July 14, David Choi

<https://www.stripes.com/branches/army/2021-07-14/us-forces-korea-coronavirus-camp-casey-2145162.html>

Thirty-one U.S. service members from a single Army base in South Korea tested positive for

the coronavirus last week as the country reached a new record for daily infections. The 31 new patients, who tested positive between July 5 and 11, are from Camp Casey, a military outpost near the Demilitarized Zone on the border with North Korea.

They are among 58 people from U.S. Forces Korea who tested positive last week, marking the most infections reported by the command during the pandemic. The previous record from early this year was 42 cases recorded over a 12-day span.

Roughly 10,000 people, including retirees and South Korean employees, work at Camp Casey, over 90% of which have been vaccinated against the coronavirus, according to Denver Beaulieu-Hains, a spokeswoman for U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan-Casey.

Alumni:

“Olympic rugby player shares coffee with world stage”

Whitefish Pilot, July 14, Whitney England

<https://whitefishpilot.com/news/2021/jul/14/olympic-rugby-player-boosting-whitefish-coffee-bus/>

Nicole Heavirland is set to head to Tokyo this summer to play rugby on the world’s biggest athletic stage — the Olympic Games.

Heavirland, who grew up in Whitefish, had quite the journey to becoming an Olympic rugby player and is striving to positively represent her country, hometown and herself at the Tokyo Olympics. She has recently developed a brand that represents her passion and the story of developing into the athlete she is today, and hopes to use that brand to inspire others while sharing the things that mean the most to her.

“Using my leverage as a professional rugby player who is going to the Olympics, I just want to give a shout out to all those small companies that have helped me along the way and get their name out there,” she told the Pilot in a recent phone call.

A new addition to her brand is developing her own signature blend coffee this summer by partnering with Montana-based Folklore Coffee. Heavirland’s brand and a replica of her fish tattoo on her forearm, which both represents where she’s from and her love of flyfishing, are printed alongside the Folklore logo on the coffee bag.

The beans are a blend of Columbian beans to honor her own heritage and the Ethiopian beans she fell in love with on her first visit to the shop. Heavirland was swooned by Folklore when they opened their Whitefish storefront in 2018 after she went with her mother to try out the new coffee in town.

“I just remember having a delicious Ethiopian pour-over and being like, holy crap Whitefish getting in the coffee game,” she recalled. “It was a really memorable and good experience.”

She played basketball at a prep school in New Hampshire out of high school before transferring to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to fulfill a dream of playing Division I basketball. After checking that off her to-do list, she transferred to the rugby team and soon chosen as an All-American. That’s when she was recruited by the U.S. women’s national team and began playing rugby professionally.

Other:

“Air Force Academy will soon start using mixed reality for hands-on learning”

Federal News Network, July 13, Scott Maucione

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/air-force/2021/07/air-force-academy-will-soon-start-using-mixed-reality-for-hands-on-learning/>

The military has employed mixed reality technologies to better its training for the past few years, but now military schools are hoping to do the same thing when giving students a hands-on learning experience.

The Air Force Academy is changing the way students work with different substances in introduction chemistry classes by using mixed and extended reality goggles.

“The mixed reality headset creates a paradigm where you can see all the people around you in the real world and then you superimpose content into that world. So using holographic content, we can simulate the components that you would need to put together a chemistry laboratory experiment,” David King Lassman, CEO of GIGXR, the company providing the technology, told Federal News Network. “We think in the post COVID-world, there still may be instances of socially distanced learning, remote learning. This will allow students to participate in an instructor-led lesson using their mobile phones and tablets as conduits onto the content.”

The chemicals show up in a 3D space above the device, and allow students to mix chemicals and see reactions without the prospect of spilling dangerous substances on their bedroom carpet.

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DOD:

15 JUL: GEN Paul E. Funk II, CG of TRADOC CG, will participate in a Facebook Live event on Army recruiting efforts at 1100 EDT.

22 JUL: MG Omar Jones, DCG of IMCOM, will lead a media roundtable on Army efforts to minimize effects of the current environment on PCS moves and related lines of effort.

Leading News:

“Alabama military base is first in the U.S. to require vaccination proof amid rising covid-19 rates”

The Washington Post, July 14, Max Hauptman

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2021/07/14/alabama-fort-rucker-vaccination/>

An Alabama military base is taking increased actions to combat the ongoing prevalence of coronavirus infections, authorizing leaders to ask for proof of vaccination of service members not wearing a mask while on duty. It is the first military base in the continental United States to allow leaders to check the vaccination status of those in uniform.

The new guidance at Fort Rucker comes as the new delta variant of the virus continues to drive infection rates and now accounts for a majority of cases in the United States. The base is among facilities, including Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Fort Sill in Oklahoma and Fort Jackson in South Carolina, where less than half of the surrounding populations have been vaccinated.

The order issued Tuesday by Maj. Gen. David Francis, commanding general of Fort Rucker, states that unmasked uniformed personnel “must be prepared to show proof of vaccination” when on the base.

“Due to the rising rates in the counties around us and some on Fort Rucker, we’re now implementing G.O. number 12,” Francis said in a video posted July 12 on Fort Rucker’s official Facebook page, referring to the general order issued to Fort Rucker personnel. “The big difference is going to be that if you are not wearing a mask, the leadership will be able to ask you, ask soldiers, to prove that they’ve been vaccinated by showing their vaccination card.”

The new rule applies only to uniformed personnel, of which there are about 5,000 assigned to the base.

The base, which houses the Army's aviation branch, is also home to thousands of civilian dependents and civilian employees.

Senior Leaders:

"Pushing Beyond Sex Assault, Gillibrand Faces Resistance to Military Bill"

The New York Times, July 14, Jennifer Steinhauer

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/14/us/politics/sexual-assault-military-felonies.html>

After years of resistance from Pentagon leaders, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Democrat of New York, appeared to be nearing victory on a major change to how the military handles sexual assault cases. But her emphasis on the inclusion of all serious crimes in the measure as a matter of racial justice now threatens to weaken her support.

Ms. Gillibrand's push to remove commanders from decisions in the prosecution of sexual assault cases had gained bipartisan backing despite opposition from military leaders. Last month, President Biden and Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III endorsed a similar change recommended by an independent military panel.

But Mr. Austin and some of Ms. Gillibrand's strongest allies in Congress on this issue are balking at the more extensive changes to the military justice system. Some lawmakers say they had only recently focused on the particulars of the measure after months of discussions.

"Her bill is far broader than I had realized," said Senator Susan Collins, Republican of Maine and an early proponent of Ms. Gillibrand's measure. "I believe she's made a compelling case on sexual assault and related allegations to be taken out of the chain of command."

But Ms. Collins said she did not think there was justification for moving other alleged crimes out of the military justice system.

US Army:

"Tanks are here to stay: What the Army's future armored fleet will look like"

Army Times, July 14, Todd South

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/14/tanks-are-here-to-stay-what-the-armys-future-armored-fleet-will-look-like/>

Whether one is looking at aggression on Europe's eastern borders, strikes by China against allies in the Pacific or Iranian subterfuge in the Middle East, the current answer to those problems has revolved around ubiquitous sensors to know what's going on and longer-range, faster-moving fires to hit where it hurts.

The Navy wants more ships with better protection, and a top Air Force general called Army long range fires plans "stupid," saying his service has that covered. The Marines spent most of the past year ditching tanks to become more nimble in their naval efforts. But the Army looks on and its top leaders, one of them an aviator, point to an old adage: You don't win a conflict until you control where people live — on land.

While the Army is putting a lot of its weight behind better fires, networks and sensors, it's also

doubling down on armored vehicles. That means armored troop transports, robotic battle buddies and the mainstay of the ground fight — the tank.

Those big plans are taking a short-term hit if the current Army budget for 2022 is approved.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Buffalo Soldiers plaza in Tucson pays homage to all-Black cavalry and infantry regiments”

The Arizona Daily Star, July 14, Carmen Duarte

https://tucson.com/news/local/buffalo-soldiers-plaza-in-tucson-pays-homage-to-all-black-cavalry-and-infantry-regiments/article_82fe385c-e111-11eb-9ac4-6342c0379ef5.html

Jon Covington, a retired Air Force master sergeant and a Buffalo Soldiers history buff, worked with many for six years to see the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza built at Quincie Douglas Center.

The memorial was unveiled at a May ceremony and celebration in the historically African American neighborhood at East 36th Street and South Kino Boulevard.

It pays homage and tells the history of the all-Black cavalry and infantry regiments that were established by Congress in 1866. Four regiments — the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments — were all stationed at Fort Huachuca.

Highlighted among its history are 18 Buffalo Soldiers who received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor awarded by Congress. The medal recipients in Arizona were Sgt. Benjamin Brown, Cpl. Isaiah Mays and Sgt. William McBryar.

The plaza, designed by Wheat Design Group, is a semi-circle design with brick pavers and decorative concrete. Vegetation includes red fairy dusters, purple salvias, winter blooming aloes and sage color candelillas. There is shaded and quiet space for visitors.

Admissions:

“West Point eyes cloud-based Common App platform”

GCN, July 14, Shourjya Mookerjee

<https://gcn.com/articles/2021/07/14/west-point-common-app.aspx>

To widen the pool of applicants and more easily collect data on prospective students, West Point is looking to a cloud-based Common Application platform.

The Common App was developed in 1975 to streamline the college admissions process and is accepted by over 900 member colleges in the United States. Applicants fill out one basic application, which can then be sent to several colleges. Individual institutions can add custom requirements, such as the congressional district data and service academy-specific questions West Point requires.

Currently, West Point receives approximately 15,000 applications each year, through what a July 9 request for information described as an antiquated, error-ridden online process that is not mobile friendly. The Common App offers several benefits to the school: It would increase

the visibility of the West Point brand, make it easier for applicants to apply and allow the school to batch upload candidate data daily into its Academy Management System for use by admissions and ROTC programs.

"2 Parsippany Grads Make It Into Military Academies"

PatchNJ, July 14, Josh Bakan

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/parsippany/2-parsippany-grads-make-it-military-academies>

PARSIPPANY, NJ — It's rare enough for one student from a high school graduating class to make it into one of the major military academies. But two recent Parsippany High School earned the accolade.

Clayton "CJ" Bernauer and Kenneth Johnson enrolled at the U.S. Military Academy and Naval Academy, respectively. Applicants need to procure either a congressional nomination or a service-connected nomination to demonstrate prowess in academics, physical fitness and leadership.

In addition to strength in the classroom, both participated in sports. Johnson played basketball and football, while Bernauer swam for the RedHawks and Lakeland Hills YMCA.

COVID:

"Some Republican leaders are speaking out in favor of Covid vaccines."

The New York Times, July 14, Jonathan Weisman

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/14/us/politics/gop-covid-vaccine.html>

As the Delta variant rips through conservative swaths of the country, some elected Republicans are facing growing pressure from public health advocates to speak out — not only in favor of their constituents being inoculated against the coronavirus but also against media figures and elected officials who are questioning the vaccines.

"We don't control conservative media figures so far as I know — at least I don't," Senator Mitt Romney, Republican of Utah, said in an interview on Wednesday. "That being said, I think it's an enormous error for anyone to suggest that we shouldn't be taking vaccines. Look, the politicization of vaccination is an outrage and frankly moronic."

Republican senators who favor vaccination are still taking pains not to mention the names of colleagues, such as Senators Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Rand Paul of Kentucky, who have given voice to vaccine skepticism, or media personalities like Fox News Channel's Tucker Carlson, who expresses such skepticism almost nightly.

Alumni:

"Army veteran injured in Afghanistan begins campaign for Senate in Nevada with moving video"

Washington Examiner, July 14, Kaelan Deese

<https://news.yahoo.com/army-veteran-sam-brown-begins-191900944.html>

An Army veteran who was badly injured while serving in Afghanistan has launched his campaign for U.S. Senate in Nevada with a moving video highlighting his harrowing

experience in the theater of war.

Retired Capt. Sam Brown announced his bid as a member of the Republican Party to unseat Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, a Democrat, in next year's election, releasing a video focused on pandemic recovery and his service in the military.

"America needs its own recovery. The pandemic hit Nevada harder than any other state in the country," Brown said in the video released on Wednesday. "But rather than sharing in our sacrifice, our political leaders bicker — they point fingers and jockey for political gain. Where's the accountability?"

Brown said the coronavirus pandemic "hit Nevada harder than any other state," causing record unemployment and "massive business closures."

The Army veteran graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 2006 and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. Just months into Brown's service in the country, his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb that severely wounded him. Brown then began three years of rehabilitation and recovery, according to his campaign website.

"New Leadership Comes To Joint Base"

Jersey Shore Online, July 15, Bob Vosseller

<https://www.jerseyshoreonline.com/manchester/new-leadership-comes-to-joint-base/>

JOINT BASE-MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST – New leadership has come to the 99th Readiness Division headquarters at the Joint Base following the retirement of outgoing commander Major General Mark W. Palzer of Jackson.

The 99th RD is responsible to more than 51,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in 454 units at 332 reserve-component facilities and 33 maintenance facilities in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia.

Palzer assumed command in 2018. He told Jersey Shore Online.com at the time that it took him "only 20 years in the Army Reserve to make it where I could commute to work.

He said when taking command 2018 that "as our nation faces increasingly more lethal adversaries on the battlefield, readiness of our personnel and our organizations becomes critical." Palzer is a distinguished military graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

"Lennox International CEO Todd Bluedorn Retiring After 15 Years"

Yahoo Finance, July 14, Phil Hall

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/lennox-international-ceo-todd-bluedorn-141605727.html>

Lennox International Inc. (NYSE: LII) has announced that Todd Bluedorn will be stepping down as chairman and chief executive officer after 15 years at the helm.

What Happened: Bluedorn will be retiring in mid-2022 "based on his desire to create a better balance between his personal and professional priorities," the Dallas-headquartered provider of energy-efficient climate-control solutions said in a statement. The board of directors has

begun a search for a replacement.

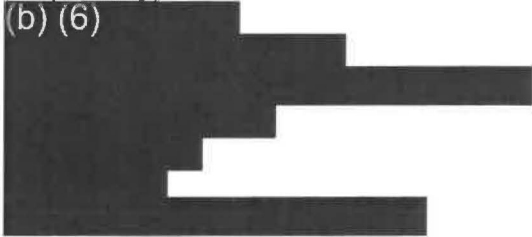
“Under Todd's leadership the company's market cap grew from \$2.5 billion to over \$13 billion, resulting in total shareholder return in excess of 18% annually,” said Todd Teske, lead independent director.

Bluedorn graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1985 with a B.S. in electrical engineering and received an M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1992.

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DOD:

20 JUL: BG William Glaser, director of the Synthetic Training Environment CFT, will be interviewed by Adam Stone (C4ISRNet) for an update on the CFT's activities.

22 JUL: MG Omar Jones, DCG of IMCOM, will lead a media roundtable on Army efforts to minimize effects of the current environment on PCS moves and related lines of effort.

Leading News:

“GOP ramps up attacks on teaching critical race theory to military”

Roll Call, July 15, Mark Satter

<https://www.rollcall.com/2021/07/15/gop-ramps-up-attacks-on-teaching-critical-race-theory-to-military/>

Congressional Republicans are attempting to tie the Biden administration to the argument, made by many progressives in the Democratic Party, that the United States is “systemically racist,” and the GOP is focusing its attention on the Pentagon.

First, GOP Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida confronted Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III at a June 23 House Armed Services Committee hearing, charging that the military is pushing “critical race theory” and that it was undermining cohesiveness in the services.

Then, on Monday, GOP Sen. James Lankford sent a request to the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee asking the panel to prohibit funding for instruction in critical race theory for servicemembers in its fiscal 2022 defense spending bill. He argued that servicemembers “should not have to be subjected to discriminatory intersectional exercises that try to politicize our military.”

The House Appropriations Committee approved a draft spending bill the next day without including the prohibition, and it’s unclear how much money, if any, the military spends on critical race theory training. The Pentagon did not respond to a request for comment.

Senior Leaders:

“DoD will soon release climate change strategy that will impact almost every facet of the military”

Federal News Network, July 15, Scott Maucione

[DoD will soon release climate change strategy that will impact almost every facet of the military](#)

The Defense Department says it will have a plan to make climate change a main factor in the

further strategy of the military's operations, risk assessments and programming by Sept. 1.

The plan is required by a Jan. 27 executive order put into place by the Biden administration, and has the potential to effect nearly every aspect of how the military plans.

During a House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee hearing, Paul Cramer, who is performing the duties of assistant secretary of defense for sustainment, said DoD is using the executive order to respond to climate change by enhancing military resiliency and reduce environmental harm.

"The primary purpose is to integrate climate change adaptation and climate resilience across our programs, management of real property, our public lands and waters and financial services," Cramer said.

A 2018 DoD study found that more than a thousand military bases were vulnerable to effects of climate change.

While DoD is not ready to release the plan, Cramer said it will be based around five lines of effort:

"Could the military child care system be a model for the nation?"

PBS, July 15

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/could-the-military-child-care-system-be-a-model-for-the-nation>

For the U.S. military, high-quality child care is not just a family issue, it's a matter of national security. Taking care of military families ensures soldiers can be ready to deploy at any time. Could the government-supported child care that supports military families be a model for civilian care? Special Correspondent Cat Wise reports from Fort Belvoir.

US Army:

"Remains of Native American children returning to tribal lands from Army cemetery"

Associated Press, July 15, Mark Scolforo

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/07/15/native-american-childrens-remains-returned-home-army-cemetery/7977437002/>

CARLISLE, Pa. — The disinterred remains of nine Native American children who died more than a century ago while attending a government-run school in Pennsylvania were headed home to Rosebud Sioux tribal lands in South Dakota on Wednesday after a ceremony returning them to relatives.

The handoff at a graveyard on the grounds of the U.S. Army's Carlisle Barracks was part of the fourth set of transfers to take place since 2017. The remains of an Alaskan Aleut child were returned to her tribe earlier this summer.

"We want our children home no matter how long it takes," said U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who in June announced a nationwide investigation into the boarding schools that attempted to assimilate Indigenous children into white society.

Haaland, the first Native American to serve as a Cabinet secretary, said at the event that "forced assimilation practices" stripped away the children's clothing, their language and their culture. She said the government aims to locate the schools and burial sites and identify the names and tribal affiliations of children from the boarding schools around the country.

Nearly a thousand unmarked graves have been discovered in recent months at former residential school sites for Indigenous children in Canada.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Education Against Extremism: Suggestions For A Smarter Stand-Down"

War on the Rocks, July 16, Carrie A Lee and Celestino Perez, Jr (Op-Ed)

<https://warontherocks.com/2021/07/education-against-extremism-suggestions-for-a-smarter-stand-down/>

A large number of veterans, and even some active-duty officers, were among those who stormed the Capitol during the Jan. 6 insurrection. In response, the military leadership held small-group stand-down sessions across the force last spring to discuss the presence of extremism in the ranks and how best to eradicate it.

Yet, recent remarks from some officers tasked with implementing these sessions have raised concerns about their effectiveness and the uniformity with which they were executed. Worse, some participants described the stand-down day as "insufficient" while others wrote an open letter claiming that the event actually "undermine[d] trust." Indeed, rather than serve as a productive moment for reflection and problem-solving, the stand-down instead appeared to be mired in the malaise that has plagued other "awareness days" focused on persistent problems such as suicide, post-traumatic stress disorder, and sexual assault.

Based on what we have observed in our capacity as a department chair and a director of a selective scholars' program at the Army War College, part of the problem stems from the lack of seriousness and preparation surrounding these sessions. To give extremism in the ranks the attention that it deserves, it should be folded into the regular curriculum. At the Army War College, we have tried to address this by implementing several structural reforms that better equip our faculty members to lead discussions about sensitive personnel issues. While there remains a long way to go, we argue that by approaching these topics from a civil-military relations perspective, bolstered by expert panels and prepared readings, we will better prepare our students for their future as senior leaders.

Garrison:

"Margaret Corbin: The first woman to receive a military pension"

Task & Purpose, July 15, Chris Stevens

<https://taskandpurpose.com/history/who-was-margaret-corbin/>

On November 16th, 1776, Margaret Corbin picked up her fallen husband's weapon and held off the British advance on Fort Mifflin in northern Manhattan. Margaret was a camp follower, assisting soldiers of the Revolutionary War by carrying water and tending to the wounded. But when the British army continued to advance, despite having just lost her husband, Margaret Corbin continued to fight. Her aim was so precise that she single-handedly stopped the advance by forcing the British to focus on eliminating her. Margaret was shot

three times and was in critical condition when the British took her as a prisoner.

Margaret Corbin was no stranger to the horrors of war. Born in western Pennsylvania in 1751, she was only four years old when the French and Indian War broke out. Hoping to take back territory that had been settled by the British, the Delaware and Shawnee Tribes attacked Margaret's hometown. Luckily, while the situation was escalating, Margaret and her brother had been sent to live with an uncle. However, her parents were not as lucky. Her father was killed during the attack and her mother was taken and never heard from again.

Margaret Corbin died in 1800 and it wasn't until 1926, when the Daughters of the American Revolution verified Margaret's story that she was finally given full military honors and a proper burial at West Point.

Sports:

"Army launches fund drive for West Point stadium project"

Associated Press, July 16

<https://www.stripes.com/branches/army/2021-07-15/west-point-army-michie-stadium-construction-2163899.html>

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The Army West Point Athletic Association launched a \$95 million campaign Thursday to fund reconstruction of the east stands at Michie Stadium.

The construction project, the most ambitious in the history of the United States Military Academy, was announced three years ago and has included extensive input from cadets. It will add several levels of seating, including suites, loge, and luxury boxes to the portion of the stadium that abuts Lusk Reservoir and provides seating for the Corps of Cadets.

Victory Plaza, which will honor the achievements of cadet-athletes, is also part of the project.

"We could not be more thrilled to officially announce the launch of this historic project," Army athletic director Mike Buddie said in a statement. "The game day experience provided at Michie Stadium is already world-renowned, and these efforts will put our facility on the precipice of being one of the finest that college athletics has to offer."

"Army hockey has tough non-league slate for 2021-22"

Times Herald-Record, July 15, Ken McMillian

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/07/15/army-west-point-hockey-schedule-2021-22-season/7968522002/>

WEST POINT — The Army hockey team will face Big Ten regular-season champion and storied program Wisconsin for a weekend set Oct. 15-16, highlighting the Black Knights' seven-game non-conference schedule. It will be the first meetings between the two schools.

Atlantic Hockey released its overall schedules on Wednesday.

The Badgers captured the Big Ten top seed with a 17-6-1 mark. Wisconsin lost to Minnesota, 6-4, in the title game. The Badgers (20-10-1) fell to Bemidji State, 6-3, in the NCAA East region semifinals.

Army, coached by Brian Riley, opens the season on Oct. 2 at Providence. The Friars (11-9-5) finished third in Hockey East at 10-8-5, beat Connecticut, 6-1, in the quarterfinals and bowed to eventual national champion Massachusetts, 5-2, in the semifinals.

COVID:

“Not just Fort Rucker: Commanders can ask about COVID vaccine status DoD-wide”

Army Times, July 15, Davis Winkie

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/15/not-just-fort-rucker-commanders-can-ask-about-covid-vaccine-status-dod-wide/>

Fort Rucker made headlines Wednesday and Thursday when leadership there said they would start to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination for unmasked service members.

But the Alabama post, home to the Army’s warrant officer and aviation training programs, isn’t the first Defense Department installation to do this, according to guidance earlier this month from another Army post.

Current policy permits fully-vaccinated troops, civilians and contractors to go without a face mask on military bases. Unvaccinated personnel are still required to wear masks.

Any commander or supervisor can ask unmasked uniformed personnel about their vaccination status, not just those at Fort Rucker. The installation wasn’t the first to put out this guidance, either.

DoD issued updated force health protection directions on June 22 directly authorizing commanders to ask unmasked personnel about their vaccination status.

“In accordance with this guidance, unmasked, fully vaccinated service members should be prepared to show proof of vaccination (CDC vaccination card or other medical documentation),” said the announcement accompanying the guidance. “Service members and civilian employees who misrepresent their vaccination status may be subject to appropriate adverse administrative or punitive actions.”

Leaders cannot ask unmasked DoD civilian employees if they’ve received the vaccine unless “the supervisor has a reasonable basis to believe the unmasked employee has not been fully vaccinated, based on reliable evidence such as firsthand knowledge of voluntary employee statements.”

Fort Rucker, which issued its guidance on July 13, roughly three weeks after the DoD’s change in policy, wasn’t the first military installation to implement the policy after its announcement, either.

“The U.S. surgeon general accused social media companies of not doing enough to stop the spread of Covid misinformation.”

The New York Times, July 15

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/07/15/world/covid-variant-vaccine-updates#covid-misinformation-surgeon-general-vivek-murthy-social-media-tech>

President Biden’s surgeon general on Thursday used his first formal advisory to the United

States to deliver a broadside against tech and social media companies, which he accused of not doing enough to stop the spread of dangerous health misinformation — especially about Covid-19.

The official, Dr. Vivek Murthy, declared such misinformation “an urgent threat to public health.” His pronouncement came just days after representatives from his office met with Twitter officials, according to a person with knowledge of the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Alumni:

“Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, conducts change of command”

WOWKTV, July 15, Bailey Brautigan

<https://www.wowktv.com/news/local/army-corps-of-engineers-huntington-district-conducts-change-of-command/>

HUNTINGTON, WV (WOWK)—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, conducted a change of command ceremony on Thursday at the Huntington City Hall Auditorium. Col. Jason Evers transferred command of the district to Col. Jayson Putnam.

Col. Kimberly A. Peebles, Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presided over the ceremony.

The District Commander’s responsibilities center around carrying out the District’s mission within the Ohio River Basin including navigation on 311 miles of the Ohio River, along with the tributary rivers and drainage basins covering 45,000 square miles in parts of five states, including West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina.

He earned his Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering at West Point, a Master’s of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla, a Master’s Degree in Defense Geographic Information Systems from the Royal School of Military Survey at Denison Barracks, Hermitage, UK and a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

“Fort Leonard Wood platoon leader enjoys being part of a great team”

The Rolla Daily News, July 15, Brian Hill

<https://www.therolladailynews.com/story/lifestyle/2021/07/15/fort-leonard-wood-platoon-leader-enjoys-being-part-great-team/7986074002/>

Being part of a team means being part of something bigger than oneself. For 1st Lt. Zyekeela Crittington, a platoon leader with the 509th Clearance Company and member of the All-Army Women’s Rugby team, representing the Army as an officer and rugby player each provide the chance to help others reach their potential, “so we can be great as a whole.”

“I joined the Army because I wanted a challenge and to test my potential; I wanted to become a good Army leader so that people could be encouraged to be the best that they can be,” she said. “In rugby, everyone has the responsibility to tackle; everyone has to pass the ball; and everyone has to give their all in order to get the job done. It’s the most selfless sport I’ve ever been a part of.”

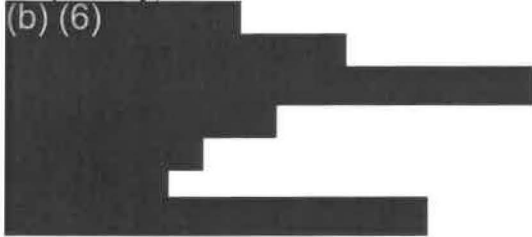
She was introduced to rugby when she arrived at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at West Point in 2015.

“The guys on the men’s team introduced me to the wonderful game of rugby and welcomed me to join since there wasn’t a women’s team,” she said. “When I got accepted to the U.S. Military Academy, I made the team and played four years for the Women’s Army Rugby team.”

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Army's FY22 Budget released. See attached Army press release, key messages, and a pocket card.

DOD:

1 JUN: MG Paul Chamberlain, Director of Army Budget, and others will conduct a media roundtable with PPC reporters on the FY22 Army Budget proposal.

1 JUN: Dr. Chris Hill, director of the AMC Analysis Group, will conduct an interview with WAAY-TV, ABC News 31, in Huntsville, Alabama, on Army National Hiring Days and Army recruiting efforts aimed at reaching prospective Generation Z recruits.

2 JUN: CSA GEN James McConville will participate in a pre-recorded Army Birthday interview with NBC Today Show correspondent Jenna Bush Hager, with focus on Army support of opening America and the COVID fight, and responding to civil unrest, hurricanes and wildfires. It will be broadcast on 11 JUN, along with other Soldiers' stories as part of the Army's birthday celebration and the reopening of the National Museum of the U.S. Army on 14 JUN.

Leading News:

"Skoufis to Biden: Recall West Point Board of Visitors member over alleged comments"
Spectrum News, May 28
<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/hudson-valley/politics/2021/05/28/sen--skoufis-to-biden--recall-retired-army-colonel-from-west-point-board-of-visitors->

New York state Sen. James Skoufis is calling on President Joe Biden to recall retired Army Colonel Douglas Macgregor from his position on the West Point Board of Visitors.

Macgregor was appointed to that board by former President Donald Trump.

This comes after reports of controversial remarks by Macgregor that Skoufis is labeling, as racist and ignorant.

According to CNN, Macgregor recently said that the Biden administration is bringing in non-white immigrants as a plan to have them outnumber white Americans of European ancestry in the country.

Skoufis, whose district covers West Point, released a scathing series of tweets Friday in which he said, in part, "these comments are a bigoted bullhorn, plain and simple, and they play on the

misguided fears of a subset of the public, stoking hatred, ignorance, and violence. Macgregor has outed himself once again as a racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, and otherwise deeply depraved individual not worthy of his presidential appointment to West Point's Board of Visitors. There is no place for these false, hateful, and caustic beliefs in our public discourse, and doubly so for those appointed to represent and guide our highest military institutions."

Senior Leaders:

"Harris is 1st woman to make Naval Academy commencement address: 'Our world is fragile'"

ABC News, May 28, Libby Cathey

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/harris-1st-woman-make-naval-academy-commencement-address/story?id=77962568>

Vice President Kamala Harris made history once again on Friday as the first woman to deliver the keynote commencement address at the U.S. Naval Academy, telling graduates the country faces a "significant turning point."

"Midshipmen, we are now entering the next era. A new age. A new epoch, with its own challenges, and with its own opportunities," Harris began, speaking at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland.

"The global pandemic, you see, of course, has accelerated our world into a new era," she said. "If we weren't clear before, we know now: Our world is interconnected. Our world is interdependent. Our world is fragile."

"On Memorial Day, Austin reflects on strength of US military and dismisses adversaries' criticism"

CNN, May 31, Veronica Stracqualursi

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/31/politics/lloyd-austin-us-military-diversity-china-russia-cnntv/index.html>

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told CNN he won't lose any sleep over criticism of US military forces from China and Russia and dismissed accusations by some conservative politicians and media figures that the US military's latest recruiting efforts to attract more diversity and be more inclusive are weakening America's security.

The US military will never be "soft," Austin told CNN's Barbara Starr in an exclusive, wide-ranging Memorial Day interview, adding that America's adversaries, like China and Russia, "would like to capitalize on talking points like that."

"I will not lose one minute of sleep about what the Chinese leadership is saying or what (Russian President) Vladimir Putin is saying. What I will focus on, and what I am focused on is the defense of this nation, and making sure that we have what's needed to be successful," the defense secretary said in the exclusive interview that aired Monday.

The comments from the retired Army general as the nation observes Memorial Day reinforce the Biden administration's efforts to return America -- and its foreign policy -- to its more traditional role on the world stage and to prioritize diversity as key to building strong US forces.

“Gillibrand: Schumer should bring military sexual assault bill to floor”

Politico, May 30, Maya Parthasarathy

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/05/30/gillibrand-schumer-military-sexual-assault-bill-491423>

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand on Sunday said Majority Leader Chuck Schumer should bring her bill that would overhaul military sexual assault policies for a vote.

Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) worked with Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) on the bill, which now has 64 co-sponsors — more than the Senate's 60-vote threshold to secure a vote. But Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, objected to a vote, saying he would include a similar plan in this year's defense spending bill.

"I believe we should have a vote now," Gillibrand said on CNN's "State of the Union." "It is a generational bill of shifting how we address military justice, how we build a military justice system that's worthy of the sacrifice our men and women in the military make."

Gillibrand's bill would remove the decision to prosecute major crimes like sexual assault and murder from military commanders, instead moving it to military prosecutors. She said that while she couldn't speak to why Reed is blocking the bill, she disagreed with his stance on narrowing the bill to apply only to sex crimes.

"You're going to create one set of justice for one set of plaintiffs and defendants and the rest for everybody else," Gillibrand said. "It's not fair."

US Army:

“Army takes troop level and spending cuts in Biden budget”

Army Times, May 28, Davis Winkie

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2021/05/28/army-takes-troop-level-and-spending-cuts-in-biden-budget/>

The Army faces cuts to end strength and top line funding in President Joe Biden's fiscal year 2022 budget request, according to documents released Friday.

“The reduction for the Army reflects the president's decision to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the beginning of fiscal year [2022],” said Anne McAndrew, acting Defense Department comptroller, in a media briefing Friday afternoon.

All three components of the total Army face small personnel cuts, totaling 1,700 troops. The service's overall spending will decline from its current fiscal 2021 authorization of \$176.6 billion to \$173 billion if enacted — a \$3.6 billion decrease.

The cuts will not impact force structure, said Maj. Gen. Paul Chamberlain, director of Army budget, on Friday afternoon.

The end strength reductions would come over the strenuous objections of Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville, who has previously expressed grave concern over the size of the force.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“‘We are going to expose you’: Cotton and Crenshaw look to weed out ‘wokeness’ from US military with new initiative”

Washington Examiner, May 30, Lawrence Richard

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/cotton-crenshaw-weed-out-wokeness-military-new-initiative>

Republican Sen. Tom Cotton and Rep. Dan Crenshaw are launching a new initiative to locate and eliminate “woke” training programs in the U.S. military.

“Enough is enough,” Crenshaw, a retired lieutenant commander with the United States Navy and a Navy SEAL, said in a tweet. “We won’t let our military fall to woke ideology.”

The duo added a feature to their own congressional websites that allows military service members to submit anonymous reports of instances or pieces of training that are perceived as “woke.”

“We have just launched a whistleblower webpage where you can submit your story. Your complaint will be legally protected, and go to my office and @SenTomCotton,” the Texas Republican tweeted.

Crenshaw said his goal is simple: Allow military members “to tell the country what’s happening” inside the U.S. military and to “expose” those in leadership who are pushing “progressive” agendas.

“The Pentagon wants a new ‘reg’ for prosecuting extremism”

Military Times, May 28, Meghann Myers

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/05/28/the-pentagon-wants-a-new-reg-for-prosecuting-extremism/>

The Defense Department has been rolling out initiatives to address the threat of domestic extremism serving in uniform since early this year, and now its next budget request hopes to throw some money behind them.

The proposal released Friday includes \$30.8 million to enhance technology and manpower for training, screening and policy updates, including a big one: “the development of a punitive regulation on extremist activities.”

There aren’t further details available on the effort yet, DoD spokeswoman Lisa Lawrence told Military Times, but the line in the budget leaves the possibilities open.

While commands can currently charge service members for espousing extremist views, or participating in extremist plots, through misconduct regulations in both the Uniform Code of Military Justice and a current DoD instruction covering extremist activities, this year’s renewed discussion about extremism has included calls for new, concrete guidelines and tools for commanders to hold troops accountable

USCC:

“Meet Your Neighbor: Chelsea Zerman graduates from West Point, continues service”

Fremont News Messenger, May 30, Sheri Trusty

<https://www.thenews-messenger.com/story/news/2021/05/30/meet-your-neighbor-zerman-graduates-west-point-continues-service/7446485002/>

CLYDE - Clyde High School 2014 graduate Chelsea Zerman made history when she became the only female from Clyde to gain acceptance to United States Military Academy-West Point.

Although it was Chelsea’s academic and athletic skills that won her a spot at the academy, she entered its halls swathed in her hometown’s deep historic heritage and buoyed by community support.

Now Chelsea, the daughter of Chuck and Melanie Zerman of Clyde, is part of a small, elite group of Clyde natives, most notably General James B. McPherson, who graduated from West Point. Although she doesn’t view her status as the only female to be significant, Chelsea recognizes the importance of her connection to McPherson, the highest senior ranking officer killed in the American Civil War. McPherson’s name is engraved at Trophy Point at West Point.

“Chelsea cadet graduates from West Point”

Central Maine News, May 31

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2021/05/31/chelsea-cadet-graduates-from-west-point/>

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Cadet Emma Kay Begin, daughter of John and Michelle Begin of Chelsea, graduated May 22 from the U.S. Military Academy.

Begin graduated in 2016 from Hall-Dale High School in Farmingdale and was a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School in 2017. While at West Point she concentrated her studies in environmental engineering, served as secretary of her class, and was a four-year member of the West Point Women’s Boxing Team.

Begin was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Army Aviation branch and will report to Fort Rucker in Alabama in late July for her officer basic course and aviation training.

“Happy Day”

The Highlands Current, May 29

<https://highlandscurrent.org/2021/05/29/happy-day/>

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point graduated 995 cadets on Saturday (May 22), including 240 women, 148 African Americans, 78 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 88 Latinos and 10 Native Americans. The class also included four combat veterans.

The ceremony was attended by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Acting Secretary of the Army John Whitley and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James McConville

“It’s a memorable Memorial Day for newly commissioned 2nd Lt. David Witt”

Vail Daily, May 30, Pam Boyd

<https://www.vaildaily.com/news/its-a-memorable-memorial-day-for-newly-commissioned-2nd-lt-david-witt/>

Monday, 2nd Lt. David Witt is marking his first Memorial Day as a commissioned officer in the United States Army.

On May 22, he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point as part of the 996-member Class of 2021. That ceremony drew a crowd of thousands and featured an address by U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III.

On May 28, Witt participated in a decidedly different, but equally memorable ceremony. The crowd at this event numbered a dozen and instead of gathering at Michie Stadium, the audience assembled in the living room of the Witt family home in Eagle.

Admissions:

“Eagle Valley High School valedictorian Sebie Witt is West Point-bound”

Vail Daily, May 28, Pan Boyd

<https://www.vaildaily.com/news/eagle-valley/eagle-valley-high-school-valedictorian-sebie-witt-is-west-point-bound/>

In about a month, Eagle Valley High School valedictorian Sebie Witt is headed to the United States Military Academy at West Point — a first-rate accomplishment that is all his own.

Normally that would go without saying, but in Sebie’s case, the distinction is necessary. He will be the third Witt sibling to earn an appointment to a U.S. military academy. His brother Ben is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Earlier this week, his brother David graduated from West Point.

Sebie noted that throughout his high school career, people asked if he planned to attend the Air Force Academy to round out the family experience.

“West Point-bound Amelia Cassin clutch in historic win for Assumption softball team”

Courier Journal, May 31, Jason Frakes

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/sports/preps/kentucky/2021/05/31/kentucky-high-school-softball-assumption-beats-male-7-2/7450973002/>

Amelia Cassin has big plans for college awaiting in New York, but for now she’s making the most of her final days in an Assumption High School uniform.

The red-headed right fielder put on a show Monday, going 3 for 3 with a home run, a walk and three RBIs to lead the host Rockets to a 7-2 victory over Male in the 26th District Tournament final.

Assumption had lost 16 straight meetings with Male, including six straight district finals from 2014-19. The Rockets’ last victory over the Bulldogs came in the 2013 district final. (There was no high school softball season in Kentucky in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Cassin, who also played basketball for the Rockets, has accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. She has a 4.0 grade-point average, is a National Merit Scholarship finalist and ranks among the top 5% of her graduating class at Assumption.

Cassin said she also was accepted into the Air Force but ultimately chose West Point, where she said she might try out for the softball team.

COVID:

“Feds say employers can require workers to get COVID vaccine”

New York Post, May 29, Mary Kay Linge

<https://nypost.com/2021/05/29/feds-say-employers-can-require-workers-to-get-covid-vaccine/>

It's the jab or the job.

Employers are allowed under federal law to require workers to get a COVID-19 vaccine before they can physically return to the workplace, according to updated guidance issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Friday.

But they must provide “reasonable accommodations” for workers who refuse the shots due to a disability or pregnancy or for religious reasons, the agency said.

The decision may mean unvaccinated employees could be required to wear masks or work remotely.

The EEOC rules also gave the green light to companies offering incentives for staffers to get vaccinated, as long as the rewards are “not so substantial as to be coercive.”

“A very large incentive could make employees feel pressured to disclose protected medical information,” the EEOC said without providing examples.

Sports:

“Army draws No. 8 overall seed Texas Tech in NCAA baseball regional opener”

Times Herald-Record, May 31, Ken McMillan

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/05/31/army-baseball-face-texas-tech-ncaa-regional-opener/5281910001/>

WEST POINT — With a ticket already punched for the NCAA Division I baseball tournament, Army's players were left to read speculation and dream about where they were headed for regionals.

There was talk of Stanford, or Texas Christian, or the University of Texas.

“I wouldn't say it was a little bit nerve-wracking,” said catcher Cam Cerruto, “but it's kind of interesting. You really have no idea until that selection show.”

The 2021 NCAA show was in the noon hour on Monday. In the end, the Black Knights were placed in the familiar confines of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where they played two years ago.

“Once you see your name pop up and see where you're going,” Cerruto said, “it's almost a thrill and it's just nice to be like, all right, now we can kind of prepare for these teams and put our best foot forward.”

“The Army wants Southington record-holder at West Point”

Record Journal, May 30, Sean Krofssik

<https://www.myrecordjournal.com/Sports/Southington-Sports/Southington-track-standout-Alexah-Zaczynski-selects-West-Point.html>

SOUTHINGTON — Alexah Zaczynski is the type of track and field athlete who could excel at almost anything she tries. She can pole vault. She can throw the shot put.

In recent years, the Southington senior has turned her attention to javelin, and it's taken her to great lengths.

Zaczynski was a national qualifier in the event as sophomore and, this spring, smashed the school record several times over. Her current mark of 135 feet, 5 inches makes her the top seed in javelin for Tuesday's CIAC Class LL championship meet at New Britain's Willow Brook Park.

Last week, she won the CCC West divisional championship.

Amidst all this, Zaczynski finalized her commitment to attend the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

“Auburn High's Matthew Rhodes to be a two-sport athlete at Army”

Opelika-Auburn News, May 31, Jordan Hill

https://oanow.com/sports/high-school/auburn-high-s-matthew-rhodes-to-be-a-two-sport-athlete-at-army/article_fe2bf464-c24f-11eb-a11d-cf51fe3d5d.html

In December, Auburn High's Matthew Rhodes signed to play football at Army. Five months later, it turns out Rhodes will be a two-sport athlete once he arrives in West Point.

Rhodes announced Monday he will play baseball for the Black Knights in addition to punting for the academy's football team. The development comes after the 6-foot-4, 190-pound Rhodes was an All-State punter last fall then played a big role in the Tigers capturing the Class 7A state championship this spring.

Rhodes had voiced hopes of still playing baseball when he was being recruited by football teams last year, but those aspirations looked out of the question until Army baseball coach Jim Foster reached out a few weeks ago. The two discussed the balancing act Rhodes would face in playing both sports, and after further conversations with Foster as well as his Auburn coaches Rhodes decided the challenge was a feasible one.

Alumni:

Flint native promoted to brigadier general hopes to inspire, open doors for others”

Mlive.com, May 31, Sergio Montanez

<https://www.mlive.com/news/flint/2021/05/flint-native-promoted-to-brigadier-general-hopes-to-inspire-open-doors-for-others.html>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, Colonel Jason Kelly is promoted to General Brigadier

ATLANTA, GA — After 27 years of service in the United States Army, Flint native Colonel Jason E. Kelly, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, is set to be promoted to brigadier general in a virtual ceremony next month.

Kelly will be joined by his wife Stephanie, the couple's oldest son Jacob, who will be in attendance virtually on June 7 from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, their youngest son Zachary and Kelly's parents, Glenn and Diana.

"I'm very proud of him because he's accomplished something that is very hard, a kid from Flint going on to West Point, odds are not that great for him to stay there, but he did," Glenn Kelly said.

The father also described his son as, "a true Flint soul," and that he's represented the family and city very well.

"Steel Hearts bracelets help remember lost military service members"

WSLS, May 31, John Carlin

<https://www.wsls.com/news/local/2021/05/31/steel-hearts-bracelets-help-remember-lost-military-service-members/>

ROANOKE, Va. — In January 2019, Amry Capt. Drew Ross of Rockbridge County was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

"He was just the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. He was super impressive and competitive yet very humble," said his friend and fellow West Point graduate Nick Wheeler. "He was one of those guys that no matter how hard things got in training or in combat, he was always thinking about others and putting others first before himself."

Ross lost his life when an IED exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan in November 2018. Two other service members were also killed.

"Honoring veterans: Williams Bay graduate to command intelligence battalion"

Lake Geneva Regional News, May 31, Connor Carynski

https://www.lakegenevanews.net/news/local/honoring-veterans-williams-bay-graduate-to-command-intelligence-battalion/article_fd2a0884-60e5-58e9-a609-ca8cee30ffb2.html

Thomas M. Nelson of Williams Bay graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 2000. He was nominated and appointed to the United States Military Academy – West Point that summer at age of 17. Following his four years attending West Point he graduated as a Second Lieutenant in the Army in 2004.

After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Army Ranger school, he was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the 82nd Airborne division. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in 2005.

The year of 2005 also brought his first deployment overseas to Afghanistan, where he served as a platoon leader July-November for the 1st parliamentary elections in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Other:

“Model midshipman’ John Johnson first to receive posthumous degree under new Naval Academy policy

The Capital • May 30, Heather Mongilio

<https://www.stripes.com/Branches/Navy/2021-05-30/%E2%80%98Model-midshipman%E2%80%99-John-Johnson-first-to-receive-posthumous-degree-under-new-Naval-Academy-policy-1608525.html>

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Tribune News Service) — Midshipman John Monroe Johnson was a Trident scholar.

He was, as his classmate said, a “model midshipman.”

And, on Friday, he was the first midshipman to receive a posthumous degree from the Naval Academy under a new policy.

Johnson, 22, died in December 2020 after a drowning accident while on winter break and is buried at the Naval Academy. He was set to commission as a Naval Special Warfare Officer.

His parents, John and Kim Johnson, received his degree during Friday’s Naval Academy graduation and commissioning ceremony. Vice President Kamala Harris, the keynote speaker, presented his diploma.

“Your son was taken far too soon,” Harris said during her speech. “And I promise you that he will not be forgotten.”

Johnson received his degree in mathematics with honors, his father John said.

John Johnson worked hard for a policy change at the academy so his son could earn his degree, Johnson said.

Under the new policy, midshipmen who have met academic requirements at the time of their death can receive their degrees posthumously, if approved by the academic board, Cmdr. Alana Garas, spokesperson for the academy, said.

Degrees are not automatically guaranteed. Families of the deceased midshipmen will have to request it, according to the Naval Academy instruction, which was signed into effect on April 19 by Superintendent Vice Adm. Sean Buck.

It was a five-month process to get the policy, Johnson said. He requested his son’s degree because he felt he had met the requirements.

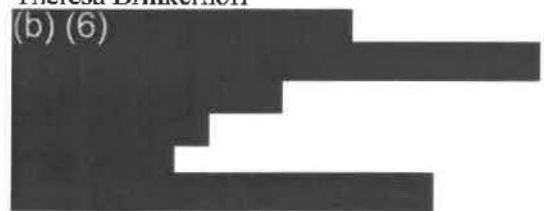
The U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Air Force Academy had a similar policy, Johnson said, and he pushed the academy to adopt one.

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CST Highlights:

Watch the CFT Water Confidence Course video -

<https://www.westpoint.edu/military/departments-of-military-instruction/cadet-summer-training>

DOD:

9 JUN: CSA GEN James McConville and GEN John M. "Mike" Murray, CG of AFC, will participate in an American Enterprise Institute livestreamed event on the Army Budget.

9 JUN: CSA GEN James McConville and SMA Michael Grinston will attend the MDW's Army Birthday Twilight Tattoo virtual event.

9 JUN: VCSA GEN Joseph Martin will deliver testimony at the HASC-R Subcommittee hearing on Military Readiness.

9 JUN: LTG Scott Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and CG USACE, and Mr. Jaime Pinkham, acting ASA for CW, will testify on the FY22 USACE budget request before the SAC Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

9 JUN: LTG Daniel L. Karbler, CG of SMDC, will testify before the SASC Subcommittee on Strategic Forces as the Army's proponent for air and missile defense.

9 JUN: LTG Gary Brito, Deputy chief of Staff, G-1, and MG Eugene LeBoeuf, FORSCOM Chief of Staff, will conduct separate interviews with "20/20" on the People First Task Force and findings of the FORSCOM 15-6 investigation following Vanessa Guillen's death.

10 JUN: Mr. Christopher Lowman, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

Leading News:

"High court asked to review men-only draft registration law"

The Associated Press, June 6, Jessica Gresko

<https://apnews.com/article/us-supreme-court-courts-government-and-politics-847452b349a4a00c6a6ff67d5c58f3c2>

The Supreme Court is being asked to decide whether it's sex discrimination for the government to require only men to register for the draft when they turn 18.

The question of whether it's unconstitutional to require men but not women to register could be viewed as one with little practical impact. The last time there was a draft was during the Vietnam War, and the military has been all-volunteer since. But the registration requirement is

one of the few remaining places where federal law treats men and women differently, and women's groups are among those arguing that allowing it to stand is harmful.

The justices could say as soon as Monday whether they will hear a case involving the Military Selective Service Act, which requires men to register for the draft.

Ria Tabacco Mar, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Women's Rights Project, who is urging the court to take up the issue, says requiring men to register imposes a "serious burden on men that's not being imposed on women."

Men who do not register can lose eligibility for student loans and civil service jobs, and failing to register is also a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison. But Tabacco Mar says the male-only requirement does more than that.

Senior Leaders:

"U.S. Sergeant Major of Army visits Fort Drum to discuss leadership, quality-of-life issues"

WWTI-ABC (NY), June 4, Isabella Colello

<https://www.localsyr.com/news/u-s-sergeant-major-of-army-visits-fort-drum-to-discuss-leadership-quality-of-life-issues/>

During the first week of June, the U.S. Army Sergeant Major paid a visit to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York.

Meeting with Fort Drum soldiers, civilians and families, Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston discussed leadership and addressed quality-of-life issues on June 2 and June 3, 2021.

According to Fort Drum, Grinston discussed topics ranging from physical and mental fitness, unit discipline and the "People First" initiative." This initiative was specifically addressed at a professional development session for noncommissioned officers and "acknowledges that the strength of the Army is in its people."

"People First equals readiness," stated Grinston. "When you're not worried about your house, you are a more ready Soldier. If you don't have to worry about child care, you are a more ready Soldier. But it doesn't mean you don't do tough training when it's really cold outside. You build a better, stronger bond with your people when you challenge them with that tough training and you give them tasks and the right equipment to do them." Additionally SMA Grinston lead a discussion of about leadership at the 10th Mountain Division Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

"Pentagon won't change policy to allow Pride flag to be flown at military bases"

CNN, June 4, Barbara Starr and Ellie Kaufman

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/04/politics/dod-pride-flags/index.html>

The Department of Defense will "maintain existing policy for the display of unofficial flags" and "not grant an exception to display the Pride flag" at military bases, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said in a statement to CNN.

Kirby said the decision does not "in any way reflect on the respect and admiration we feel for

all our LGBTQ+ personnel in and out of uniform."

This puts the Pentagon at odds with the State Department, where Secretary of State Antony Blinken issued a blanket authorization for US diplomatic outposts to fly the rainbow flag on the same flagpole as the American flag at embassies and consulates in April.

The policy, which limits which unofficial flags can be displayed at military bases, was put in place last July by Trump-appointed Defense Secretary Mark Esper. The policy was part of an effort to ban the display of the Confederate flag and other potential hate symbols on bases in the midst of last summer's racial tensions.

After the policy was implemented, then-presidential candidate Joe Biden tweeted that "banning the Confederate flag from military installations was long overdue. Banning the LGBTQ Pride flag -- the very symbol of diversity and inclusion -- is undeniably wrong. The Pentagon should ensure it is authorized, or as President, I will."

US Army:

"Gen. Charles Flynn Returns To Hawaii As Commander Of US Army Pacific"

Honolulu Civil Beat, June 5, William Cole

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2021/06/gen-charles-flynn-returns-to-hawaii-as-commander-of-us-army-pacific/>

Gen. Charles Flynn, the new commander of U.S. Army Pacific, is a respected officer who supporters say is the right leader to oversee much-needed changes to the 90,000-strong force as it faces rising tensions with China. But he takes the helm under the shadow of controversy over his older brother's extreme political views.

The four-star general, who enjoys bipartisan support, has distanced himself from remarks by his brother, Michael Flynn, a conspiracy theorist who served as national security adviser in Donald Trump's administration and was pardoned by the former president after being convicted of lying to the FBI.

"General Flynn has served our country with great distinction for three-and-a-half decades," U.S. Rep. Ed Case, a Hawaii Democrat, said in an email. "He has proven fully capable of separating duty and family."

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Let's educate service members on professional ethos, not just extremism"

The Hill, June 7, Kelly E. Atkinson and Marybeth P. Ulrich (Op-Ed)

<https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/556662-lets-educate-service-members-on-professional-ethos-not-just>

In this graduation season for U.S. military academies and commissioning sources, our nation's newest officers are entering the service amid decreasing trust in the military and increasing discussion of extremism within the institution. Following the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, in which some participants were veterans and active duty military members, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin ordered a Department of Defense (DOD) stand down to address the growing concern of extremism among military service members. Despite this department-wide training intended to focus on the meaning of military service and the oath we swear to protect

and defend the Constitution, some leaders have equivocated on the problem of extremism in the ranks.

Some senior military officers said current processes mean they have no extremists under their command, while others demurred on engaging with the problem amid claims of remaining apolitical. Failing to grapple effectively with the existence and extent of extremism undermines the sacred duty of our nation's military professionals to the Constitution.

“Pentagon stands behind extremism expert targeted by the right”

The American Independent, June 4, Oliver Willis

<https://americanindependent.com/bishop-garrison-pentagon-extremism-expert-targeted-by-the-right/>

On Thursday the Department of Defense said it is standing by Bishop Garrison, a senior adviser to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, despite attacks from Republican members of Congress and right-wing media outlets including Fox News.

Garrison was appointed to his role at the Pentagon in February and currently leads the Countering Extremism Working Group, which was established by Austin in April to review and update department policies regarding extremism within the armed services.

Garrison is a West Point graduate who served two tours in Iraq with the U.S. Army, and worked as an adviser to former President Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign and to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2016.

Admissions:

“West Point-bound Santa Fe High graduate named a Presidential Scholar”

Santa Fe New Mexican, June 5, Jessica Pollard

https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/education/west-point-bound-santa-fe-high-graduate-named-a-presidential-scholar/article_d4a12538-bd8b-11eb-a4e9-9b830d1aeefe.html

Santa Fe High School graduate Faris Wald was known to wake up at 5 a.m. weekdays to start studying for his classes.

He performed in the school's marching band, participated in Model United Nations and captured numerous science fair awards.

As a ninth grader, Wald — who would become salutatorian of Santa Fe High's Class of 2021 and a future West Point cadet — made headlines for taking the \$25,000 top prize in a Broadcom MASTERS science fair in Washington, D.C. His winning work explored how the sun's coronal holes impact weather patterns.

This spring, the 18-year-old standout was surprised to learn of another honor: He was named one of the nation's 161 Presidential Scholars.

“When I learned I was a Presidential Scholar, I gave out a pretty big scream,” Wald said. “Loud enough for my mom to be like, ‘What just happened?’”

The award might not have been so shocking to his teachers and outgoing Santa Fe High

Principal Carl Marano, who nominated him for the honor.

“I don’t think I’ve ever, in my 23 years of education, been around such a well-rounded student,” Marano said. “Faris has so many amazing qualities and just a wide range of talent. ... Not only that, but just an amazing character.”

“SHS senior accepted into West Point”

Progress Times, June 5, Lea Juarez

<https://www.progresstimes.net/2021/06/05/shs-senior-accepted-into-west-point/>

Sharyland High School’s Matthew Worthington accepted admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point in March — an accomplishment that has been years in the making.

The SHS senior had been working on his West Point application since he was a sophomore, but conversations about the school had been present throughout his childhood.

“My dad was a captain in the U.S. Army, and when I reached around middle school age, he told me that he felt that kind of career path, or at least for a spell, would be something I would enjoy,” 18-year-old Worthington said. “I knew West Point was a really competitive school to get into so I didn’t have many expectations. But I figured serving in the U.S. Army is something I’ve always really considered. And I wanted to go to a good school that would be conducive to a really successful professional career.”

USCC:

“Local Cadet graduates from West Point”

Daily American, June 4

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/lifestyle/2021/06/04/west-point-cadet-joseph-olsavsky-graduates/7427596002/>

Cadet Nathaniel Joseph Olsavsky, son of Joseph and Cathy Olsavsky of Friedens, graduated magna cum laude from the U.S. Military Academy May 22. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Engineers branch.

Somerset graduate

Olsavsky graduated from Somerset Area Senior High School in 2017. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in chemical engineering and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree. Olsavsky received membership into Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary national honor society and Tau Beta Pi, the only engineering honor society that represents all disciplines of the engineering profession.

“Hopkinsville native graduates from West Point”

Messenger-Inquirer, June 7, Taylor Duke

https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/local/hopkinsville-native-graduates-from-west-point/article_df13c0df-cf57-5a30-ae5a-31db86d0b5f0.html

Four years after landing in New York, Ka’Tyvin Anthony has accomplished what few from Hopkinsville have done — graduate from the United States Military Academy, West Point.

When Anthony applied to West Point during his senior year at Hopkinsville High School in 2017, the academy had received 12,000 applications.

Anthony was chosen as one of a little over 1,200 incoming cadets.

He credits his decision to attend West Point to his great-grandfather being in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and his grandfather who served with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

COVID:

“Can COVID-19 Be Contracted from a Corpse?’ Documents Reveal Army Officer’s Questions for Fauci”

Military.com, June 4, Patricia Kime

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/04/can-covid-19-be-contracted-corpse-documents-reveal-army-officers-questions-fauci.html>

During the first month of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the nation's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, fielded thousands of emails from people far and wide -- from a top Chinese health official to the National Football League Players Association, according to documents obtained by The Washington Post and BuzzFeed through Freedom of Information Act requests.

Among the 3,200 pieces of correspondence was a list of six pointed questions from an unnamed person in the U.S. Army Surgeon General's Office.

"I have been in the government nearly thirty-four years and this is new to me," wrote the service member, identified as the office's antiterrorism and insider threat officer. "You are the voice of reason for millions of concerned citizens. I have a few questions for you."

“New York City Is Reopening. But Some Aren’t Celebrating Yet”

The New York Times, June 7, Mihir Zaveri

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/07/nyregion/new-york-city-reopening.html>

People are returning to restaurants and shops. Crowds are swarming sidewalks and parks. Recent weeks have brought a liveliness to New York City not seen in months, ushered in by warm weather, widespread vaccination and coronavirus positivity rates dropping to their lowest levels since the pandemic began.

For those planning celebrations, however, the picture is more complicated.

After a year of cancellations and delays, say event planners, venues and caterers, people still appear to be cautious about planning large gatherings.

“As Covid has shown us, when you think you’re all right, it pulls you back in,” said Roberto Santiago, director of Orensanz Events, a venue on the Lower East Side of Manhattan that hosts gatherings like weddings and fashion shows. “So we just have to see.”

State and local officials have announced waves of good news recently. On Sunday, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo said that the seven-day average statewide rate of positive test results was

0.47 percent — and that it had declined for 62 days in a row. Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Friday that the city's 0.78 percent positivity rate was the lowest recorded since the pandemic began.

More than 54 percent of state residents have received at least one vaccine dose.

“New York hits all-time low for COVID-19 infection rates”

The New York Daily News, June 5, David Goldiner

<https://news.yahoo.com/york-hits-time-low-covid-005100259.htm>

NEW YORK — When it comes to coronavirus infection rates, New York is still going down, down, down.

The statewide seven-day positive test average Saturday dipped to an all-time low of 0.54%, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced.

There were just 761 new cases logged in the state in the last 24 hours out of more than 140,000 tests administered.

All five boroughs of New York City also recorded rates about the same or lower than the statewide average.

The weekly average positivity rate has declined every day for two months now in a sign the pandemic remains under control for now.

The steep declines may be leveling off as the daily positivity rate also checked in at 0.54%.

Sports:

“Army bows to UCLA, gets bounced from NCAA Lubbock baseball regional”

Times Herald-Record, June 5, Ken McMillian

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/06/05/army-baseball-eliminated-from-ncaa-tournament-with-setback-to-ucla/7570393002/>

Anthony Giachin wasn't about to complain about failed opportunities or a missed touch of a base on the final day of his Army baseball career.

No one has gotten more out of his collegiate baseball life than Giachin. He's played in every game since his arrival at West Point, and Saturday was his 190th and last, a 13-6 setback to UCLA in the NCAA regionals in Lubbock, Texas.

Like his six senior classmates, Giachin's heart aches for the end of his playing days but the commissioned Army officer is headed for studies abroad in an effort to build better artificial hearts and improve the lives of many.

“First Look: Air Force vs. Army”

Mountain West, June 5

<https://mwwire.com/2021/06/05/first-look-air-force-vs-army/>

The Commanders' Classic

Army and Air Force will renew their rivalry this year in grand fashion, meeting at Globe Life

Stadium in Arlington, Texas for the first installment of The Commanders' Classic. Air Force had won 10 of 11 in the series, before seeing Army take control, winning three of the last four.

If the Falcons take care of business against Navy in September, their matchup with Army could remove the hardware that is the Commander in Chief's trophy from play in 'America's Game' at the end of the season. This would require Air Force to get things back on track against their rivals from West Point though, something much easier said than done.

"2022's Bridget O'Shaughnessy Makes Verbal Commitment To Army West Point"

Swim Swam, June 5, Anne Lepasant

<https://swimswam.com/2022s-bridget-oshaughnessy-makes-verbal-commitment-to-army-west-point/>

High school junior Bridget O'Shaughnessy from Marietta, Georgia has made a verbal commitment to the U.S. Military Academy and will head to West Point in the fall of 2022.

"I am so excited to announce my verbal commitment to The United States Military Academy at West Point! I am honored by the opportunity to continue my academic and swimming careers, and serve our country. Thank you to all of my family, friends, and coaches who have been so supportive throughout this journey. GO ARMY!"

A distance free specialist, O'Shaughnessy swims for Lassiter High School and Chattahoochee Gold Swim Club. She competed at the 2021 Georgia High School 6A State Swimming and Diving Championships, placing 5th in the 200 free (1:54.22) and 4th in the 500 free (5:03.36). Since then, she has gone best times in all her best events in both SCY and LCM.

"Ex-Louisville hoops assistant Dino Gaudio pleads guilty on extortion charge, will avoid prison time"

ESPN, June 4

https://www.espn.com/mens-college-basketball/story/_/id/31566177/ex-louisville-hoops-assistant-dino-gaudio-pleads-guilty-extortion-charge-avoid-prison

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- A former Louisville basketball assistant has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of attempted extortion and will avoid prison time.

Dino Gaudio was dismissed from the team along with another assistant in March after the Cardinals missed the NCAA tournament. During a meeting with Louisville officials, Gaudio threatened to go to the media with alleged NCAA violations by the men's basketball program, according to federal prosecutors.

He pleaded guilty on Friday to a charge of interstate communication with intent to extort, which carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Louisville. Gaudio agreed to a plea deal that will include probation and a fine.

He had been the head coach at Wake Forest from 2007 to 2010. He then spent eight years as an ESPN analyst before joining Louisville in 2018. Gaudio also previously led Army and Loyola-Maryland and worked with Louisville head coach Chris Mack at Wake Forest.

"Brandon Linton Is the New Men's Basketball Head Coach"

Tufts Now, June 4, Paul Sweeney

<https://now.tufts.edu/articles/brandon-linton-new-men-s-basketball-head-coach>

Brandon Linton, who has a wide range of coaching experience in Division I and III and in the NESCAC, has been hired as the next head coach of the Tufts University men's basketball team.

Linton has led the Nichols College program since 2019. When he took over the Bison, they were coming off a conference championship season in which they advanced to the NCAA Elite 8. Linton succeeded at the difficult challenge of keeping a team on top, guiding the 2019-20 Nichols team to 21 wins, another Commonwealth Coast Conference championship and an NCAA berth.

At Army, Linton was on the staff in 2015-16 when the team's 19-14 overall record represented the most wins for the program in the last 38 seasons. Among the many talented recruits that he helped bring to West Point was all-time assists leader Tommy Funk. In 2015 Linton was named one of the National Association of Basketball Coaches' Under Armour "30 Under 30" selections as a one of the top young coaches in the nation.

"After all-star soccer match, Southwest's Spinar will have tryout for Army soccer team"

Lincoln Journal Star, June 5, Brent Wagner

https://journalstar.com/sports/high-school/soccer/after-all-star-soccer-match-southwests-spinar-will-have-tryout-for-army-soccer-team/article_6292c60d-c5a4-569a-b4bc-2d38b15759fe.html

OMAHA — Lincoln Southwest soccer player Ava Spinar hopes that a successful walk-on tryout for the Army soccer team will mean she hasn't played her last match.

That will come in a few months after Spinar enrolls at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. Then she could play for the school's NCAA Division I soccer team.

On Saturday, Spinar represented Southwest one final time while playing in the Nebraska High School Soccer Senior Showcase. Spinar played on the visitor's team that won the Class A girls match 4-2.

Alumni:

"Honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice"

Observer, June 7

<https://www.observertoday.com/news/local-region/2021/06/honoring-those-who-gave-the-ultimate-sacrifice/>

LEON — Major Lyle R. Milliman delivered the annual Memorial Day speech in the town of Leon.

A West Point graduate, Milliman recently assumed the role of US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo Deputy District Commander. Along with numerous leadership courses, Milliman holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and a masters degree in engineering management. In addition to his degrees, he also holds a professional engineer license in Missouri and a certification as a Project Management Professional.

Milliman's operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom 07 and Operation Enduring Freedom 11-12. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Bronze de Fleury Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Army Air Assault Badge.

Other:

“Air Force Academy officer to face court-martial for alleged sexual, professional misconduct”

The Gazette, June 6, O'Dell Isaac

https://gazette.com/military/air-force-academy-officer-to-face-court-martial-for-alleged-sexual-professional-misconduct/article_6369a948-c5ac-11eb-a7ca-3f6b77c0902e.html

An Air Force officer will face a court-martial at the U.S. Air Force Academy on Monday after allegations of sexual and professional misconduct, according to a news release from the Academy.

Maj. Elaine Christian is accused of several violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, including “abusive sexual contact,” abuse of a leadership position, and dereliction of duty, the release stated.

In 2019, while working at the Air Force Academy Preparatory School, Christian was accused of groping a female trainee on at least two occasions. She was also accused of buying alcohol for underage cadets at the Academy and of having an unduly familiar relationship with a subordinate, according to case records.

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DOD:

10 JUN: Mr. Christopher Lowman, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

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10 JUN: Ms. Karen Baker, regional programs director of the USACE North Atlantic Division, will be interviewed by Agence France-Press at the Pentagon about her experience on 9/11.

11 JUN: CSA GEN James McConville will provide remarks at the Army War College graduation ceremony at Carlisle Barracks. (Local media)

Leading News:

"House Republican demands West Point cease critical race theory trainings to military cadets"

Fox News, June 9, Brooke Singman

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gop-waltz-west-point-critical-race-theory-cadets>

EXCLUSIVE: Republican Rep. Mike Waltz is demanding that U.S. Military Academy West Point stop teaching cadets critical race theory, calling the teachings "divisive," "destructive," and "unacceptable" for the future leaders of the U.S. military.

In a letter to West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams, obtained by Fox News Wednesday, Waltz, R-Fla., questioned whether the institution intends to continue its teachings, while warning that the nation is "on incredibly perilous ground if any future leaders of our military are taught the the civilian institutions and structures with ultimate authority over them... are systemically oppressive and that they therefore have a duty to oppose them."

"I think it is incredibly divisive," Waltz told Fox News in an interview Wednesday. "The underlying piece of critical race theory is that civilian institutions in this country are inherently misogynist, racist and colonialist, and therefore, it is our duty to resist them – that is fine for activists – but one of these cadets is going to be the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and being taught that the Constitution is critically flawed?"

He added: "That, to me, is terrifying and destructive."

Senior Leaders:

“Transforming the US Army”

YouTube, June 9, American Enterprise Institute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhmbqy5a6vc>

The United States Army is undertaking its most aggressive modernization effort in 40 years. AEI’s Mackenzie Eaglen hosts this discussion on the future of America’s ground forces with the Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville and the commander of Army Futures Command, Gen. John M. Murray.

“This proposal would increase troops’ life insurance max to \$500,000”

Military Times, June 9, Karen Jowers

<https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/2021/06/09/this-proposal-would-increase-troops-life-insurance-max-to-500000/>

A bill to increase the maximum life insurance coverage for service members and veterans to \$500,000 has been introduced by a bipartisan group of four lawmakers who say the increase is needed to reflect inflation levels.

The current maximum coverage is \$400,000 for both the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance and the Veterans’ Group Life Insurance. The proposal would update “the antiquated SGLI/VGLI policy coverage options that haven’t been changed since 2005,” stated a press release from Rep. Mike Levin, D-Calif., who introduced the bill June 8, along with Reps. Chip Roy, R-Texas; Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich.; and Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa.

The bill “provides a long overdue increase in death benefits to ease financial hardships for our Gold Star Families and other military families,” Levin said, in the announcement. Levin is chair of the House Veterans’ Affairs subcommittee on economic opportunity.

The Department of Veterans Affairs supervises the SGLI and VGLI programs. Under the legislative proposal, the VA would determine the amount of the monthly premium troops would pay for \$500,000 worth of coverage; and the proposal requires that the change would not cause the insurance program to operate at a loss.

Currently, the premiums for SGLI are \$25 a month for the maximum of \$400,000, which includes \$1 for Traumatic Injury Protection coverage, or TSGLI. SGLI premiums are the same for every service member, regardless of age or other factors. Service members can choose to reduce their amount of coverage in decrements of \$50,000.

US Army:

“Army Officers to Face More Scrutiny as Promotion Boards Gain Access to Restricted Personnel Files”

Stars and Stripes, June 9, John Vandiver

[Army Officers to Face More Scrutiny as Promotion Boards Gain Access to Restricted Personnel Files](#)

Army officer promotion boards will have access, starting this month, to adverse information

and restricted files when considering leaders for promotion, the Army said.

The change aligns the Army with Defense Department guidance mandating closer scrutiny of officers as they climb up the ranks, which took effect in December.

Similar changes are taking place in all Pentagon branches. In the Air Force, the new system went into effect in March.

In the past, sensitive or negative information was examined later in the promotion process, said Maj. Gen. Douglas Stitt, director of military personnel management for the Army. Promotion boards previously only had access to information in an officer's performance folder. Now, boards will be able to see almost all substantiated adverse information and anything filed as restricted in an officer's human resource record, the Army said.

Those files would include guilty verdicts from courts-martial, letters of reprimand, relief of command and nonjudicial punishments. Boards also will be provided a summary of any substantiated investigations or inquiries.

"Officers will be notified of applicable adverse information and will be given an opportunity to submit matters for consideration by the promotion board," the Army said.

"Soldiers promised reimbursement after plagued start of new Army school assistance system"

Army Times, June 9

<https://www.armytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2021/06/09/soldiers-promised-reimbursement-after-plagued-start-of-new-army-school-assistance-system/>

Army leaders are promising to address months-long issues with their new tuition assistance program, which have caused some soldiers to have to pay out of pocket for civilian schooling that is normally free.

The problems started after the Army switched this spring from an older system called GoArmyEd to a new platform called ArmyIgnitED, which is contracted through Deloitte.

The changeover was supposed to simplify access to Army education benefits. But problems with the transfer of 15 years of legacy data caused a series of issues, including dropping soldier files and school enrollment files, Army officials said Wednesday during a call with reporters.

The transition has taken longer than expected, and that's left some soldiers footing the bill for classes they expected to be covered by tuition assistance, which offers troops \$4,000 each year to finance college courses.

"Soldiers will be reimbursed what they are entitled by the program," said Lt. Gen. Ted Martin, who serves as the executive vice chancellor of Army University. "We are prepared to assist every soldier who is having problems, and Army University is working now with over 2,200 educational institutions, to ensure they are working to assist our soldiers who are students."

Diversity & Inclusion:

"As Military Addresses Diversity, Republicans See Culture War Target"

The New York Times, June 10, Jennifer Steinhauer

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/10/us/politics/military-diversity.html>

WASHINGTON — At Fort Bragg, one of the nation's largest military installations, plans are afoot for its first commemoration of Juneteenth, highlighting the role of the Union Army in emancipation.

The Defense Department recently added a deputy inspector general for diversity and inclusion and supremacist, extremism and criminal gang activity. In February, Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III ordered the military to examine extremist activity in its midst and to ask troops for their views. Earlier, Mr. Austin had revoked a ban on diversity training for the military, and on Wednesday, he spoke at a Pride Month celebration at the Pentagon.

Its active wars ending, its ranks both smaller and more diverse and its talent needs shifting, the Pentagon is embracing ideas like inclusion and adopting many of the efforts long used in the private sector to recruit and retain women and people of color.

“West Point Leaders Face Pressure To Stop Teaching Racism To Cadets”

The Federalist, June 9, Jordan Davidson

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/06/09/west-point-leaders-face-pressure-to-stop-teaching-racism-to-cadets/>

Leaders at the U.S. Military Academy West Point are facing pressure from GOP Rep. Mike Waltz of Florida to stop teaching cadets critical race theory as part of their training.

Waltz told Fox News he was confronted with the racist trainings in April after “he was approached by a number of cadets, families, and active-duty soldiers stationed at West Point, who shared snippets of presentations and seminars being held at the institution related to critical race theory.” Some lectures focused on “Understanding Whiteness and White Rage” and materials discussing “White Power at West Point.”

In a letter to West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams, Waltz pressed him on whether the institution should be engaged in teaching future military leaders that “the civilian institutions and structures with ultimate authority over them... are systemically oppressive and that they, therefore, have a duty to oppose them.”

In his response, Williams acknowledged that the academy did offer one course containing critical race theory materials called “The Politics of Race, Gender, and Sexuality.”

“There are two lessons on critical race theory, and the book, ‘Critical Race Theory: An Introduction,’ is one of several readings in the course,” Williams wrote. “This course is an upper-level elective. Most of the cadets who take the course are Political Science majors. Typical enrollment for this elective course averages about 23 cadets annually.”

Admissions:

“Schneider celebrates military academy class of 2025 members from 10th District”

Daily Herald. June 9

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20210609/schneider-celebrates-military-academy-class-of-2025-members-from-10th-district>

Congressman Brad Schneider on Saturday hosted members of the military service academy class of 2025, their families, and selection committee members for a send-off celebration in Deerfield's Woodland Park.

With help from a selection committee of local military academy graduates and current and former service members, Schneider nominated 31 students from the 10th District. Of those, 12 were offered and accepted appointments by a military academy. The military academy class of 2025 is the largest in Schneider's time representing the 10th District. Of the 12 appointees, three will attend the U.S. Military Academy West Point, three will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, one will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School, five will attend the U.S. Naval Academy and one will attend the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School.

"Matai Bell - from Cougar to Cadet"

Lamorinda Weekly, June 9, John Kingdon

<http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1508/Matai-Bell-from-Cougar-to-Cadet.html>

Campolindo head football coach Kevin Macy claims that the success of his program down through the years was "to have kids that did not look like football players but played tough." However, when Antioch native, Matai Bell, (6'4" 320) who has been attending school in Moraga since junior high school, began to play football at Campolindo, Macy was happy to go against form, welcoming Bell, who also brought the requisite toughness.

Attending West Point has been a long-held dream for Bell. With grandparents from both sides of his family along with several other relatives having been part of the military, Bell wanted to follow in their footsteps. After taking an unofficial visit to West Point, all doubt was removed from his mind. "Once I saw how beautiful the campus was, hearing all the stories about the history of the Academy, seeing the bond between the cadets walking around and saluting each other, I just knew that this was the place I wanted to be. I have always watched the Army-Navy games and to actually have the opportunity to eventually play in that game, it was a no-brainer for me."

The application process was far more extensive than at other schools having to submit a medical form and taking a fitness test twice. Bell will be attending the West Point Prep School so he will not be using up a year of football eligibility but will be playing for the prep team against teams like the Naval Academy Prep Team.

"Attending the West Point Prep School is done to facilitate the academic success of these cadets," said Gene McIntyre, the Senior Associate Athletic Director for Recruiting at West Point. "This one-year program will ensure that Matai and the others will have the foundation to be successful at the academy."

According to Alex Lane, a football trainer at West Point, the players do not receive any special treatment. "They will go through what the other cadets have to go through - learning how to be a soldier, taking accountability and learning military bearing. Life as a cadet is nothing like their senior year in high school."

Along with the academic demands, there are physical demands that must be met by all the cadets when they show up on July 12. "Primarily, I'm preparing for all these miles I'm going to have to run when I get there," Bell said. "They already know that the big guys are not going to

be able to run the times required for all the cadets, but I am still preparing myself to do the best that I can."

Bell, who will be majoring in International Business, understands that going from California to upstate New York will be a new experience. "I'm excited and a little scared since I've only lived in California," Bell said. "It's going to be totally different environment but I'm excited to see new things."

COVID:

"CDC issues new travel advice for more than 120 countries"

CNN, June 9, Ryan Prior

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/08/health/cdc-international-travel-advice-covid/index.html>

(CNN)As more people get vaccinated and the spread of Covid-19 becomes more controlled, public health officials in the United States are issuing new travel advice for more than 120 countries.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its international travel guidance on Monday to give more country-specific advice for both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers.

The update includes moving 33 countries, including Iceland, Israel and Singapore, into the lowest risk category.

The CDC's Covid-19 revised Travel Health Notice guidelines seek to "better differentiate countries with severe outbreak situations" from countries in which Covid-19 is "sustained, but controlled."

The CDC's threat levels are determined by the number of Covid-19 cases in a given country. At each level, the CDC recommends getting vaccinated, but its guidance varies by how severe the pandemic is in each country.

The lowest-risk, level 1 countries have low incidence rates of Covid-19 (fewer than 50 new cases over the past 28 days per 100,000 people) or low case counts (fewer than 50 cases over the past 28 days in countries with populations of 100,000 or fewer).

The CDC also looks at whether cases have decreased, increased or remained stable over 28 days as a primary criteria in determining levels. Testing data is a secondary factor in determining risk levels.

"Biden and Johnson expected to commit to lifting US-UK Covid-19 travel restrictions"

CNN, June 9, Kate Sullivan

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/09/politics/biden-johnson-atlantic-treaty/index.html>

(CNN)President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson are expected to commit on Thursday to working to open up travel between the US and the UK and lifting restrictions that were put in place to stop the spread of Covid-19, according to a source familiar with the matter.

Biden and Johnson are expected to announce a new travel task force that will explore options and make recommendations on how to safely resume international travel. The President is set to meet with Johnson on Thursday during his first foreign trip as President ahead of the Group of Seven summit being held in southwestern England.

National security adviser Jake Sullivan said Wednesday the US has established two working groups of public health experts -- one with the United Kingdom and one with the European Union.

"The point of these working groups is to share data and set out both milestones and criteria to enable a reopening of travel between our two countries as swiftly as possible, consistent with public health guidance," Sullivan told reporters aboard Air Force One.

Biden and Johnson are also expected on Thursday to agree to a new Atlantic Charter modeled on the historic declaration made by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill in 1941 that set out American and British goals for the world after the end of World War II, according to Sullivan.

"There will be a refresher of the Atlantic Charter, which is now 80 years old, so there will be an updated statement of principles between the US and UK as free societies and free peoples speaking out about what we believe in the 21st century," Sullivan told reporters.

"NY Expects to Hit Restriction-Erasing Milestone Early; Positivity Rate Hits New Low"

NBC New York, June 9, Jennifer Millman

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/coronavirus/10-more-ny-kids-to-win-college-scholarships-wednesday-nyc-deploys-vaccine-vans-to-libraries/3097459/>

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday he now expects New York to hit his 70% partial adult vaccination benchmark to lift remaining restrictions early -- potentially in a matter of days -- as he announced the state's rolling positivity rate had fallen below 0.50% for the first time since the COVID-19 crisis began.

Wednesday's rolling positivity rate of 0.48% is the lowest in the nation, according to Johns Hopkins University, and marks a 65-day stretch of decline. Statewide hospitalizations have fallen to 777, the lowest total since Oct. 7.

Daily deaths are consistently in the low double digits as New York charges forward on a recovery course that is accelerating faster than expected.

"With COVID-19 numbers trending downward for so many consecutive days, we are well on our way to fully reopening to a reimagined New York state," Cuomo said in a statement Wednesday. "Warm weather activities across the state are in full swing, happening in front of audiences that have received their COVID-19 vaccination. If you haven't already, I encourage you to get your vaccine as soon as possible so that you may enjoy all that our beautiful state has to offer with your loved ones."

Sports:

"Air Force grad gives academies MLB trifecta"

MLB, June 9, Manny Randhawa

<https://www.mlb.com/news/griffin-jax-debut-military-academy-players-in-mlb>

There are unique challenges for amateur baseball players with dreams of reaching the Major Leagues after playing their college ball for one of the five major military academies in the United States: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.; and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Depending on military service requirements, it can be a stop-and-go process.

On Tuesday night at Target Field, right-hander Griffin Jax made history by becoming the first graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy to appear in an MLB game. Jax made his debut in the top of the ninth inning of the Twins' 8-4 loss to the Yankees, giving up homers to Gary Sánchez and Miguel Andújar but also picking up his first Major League strikeout by fanning Tyler Wade in between.

Jax follows a handful of other players to reach the Majors after attending the three service academies that play Division 1 baseball. On Aug. 12, 2017, another right-handed pitcher, Chris Rowley, made his MLB debut with the Blue Jays, becoming the first graduate of West Point to reach the big leagues in almost 100 years (outfielder Walt French played for the Philadelphia Athletics from 1923-29). He started against the Pirates at Rogers Centre and went five strong innings. He gave up one run on five hits, walking one and striking out three in a 7-2 Toronto victory.

Alumni:

“Steve Cannon: ‘Great leaders are present’”

Vermont Business Magazine, June 9

<https://vermontbiz.com/news/2021/june/09/steve-cannon-%E2%80%98great-leaders-are-present%E2%80%99>

It makes sense that a business CEO who graduated with honors from the United States Military Academy at West Point would think the best place for leaders to be is in the trenches with their troops. And that's precisely the philosophy Steve Cannon espouses.

"Great leaders are present; they are there on the field, not sitting in a corner office trying to absorb data through spreadsheets," said Cannon, who is CEO of AMB Group, which operates Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, Major League Soccer's Atlanta United and the PGA Superstore retail chain. Instead, Cannon said, great leaders "are absorbing data through observation, through contact, and I find that model of leadership... is very, very powerful."

Other:

“‘Queen’s Gambit’ Alum Harry Melling To Play Edgar Allan Poe Opposite Christian Bale in Scott Cooper’s ‘The Pale Blue Eye’”

Deadline, June 9, Justin Kroll

<https://deadline.com/2021/06/harry-potter-harry-melling-play-edgar-allan-poe-christian-bale-scott-coopers-pale-blue-eye-1234772193/>

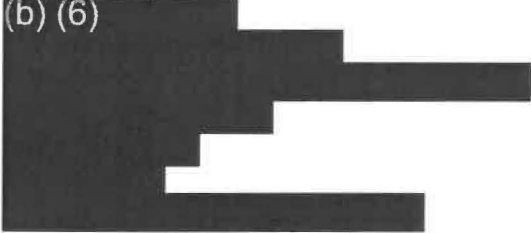
EXCLUSIVE: Harry Melling, best known as Dudley from the Harry Potter franchise, is headed from Hogwarts to West Point as is set to play one of the more iconic writers of our

time. Sources tell Deadline, Melling is set to play a young Edgar Allan Poe in the Netflix and Scott Cooper murder mystery *The Pale Blue Eye*. The film is a passion project of Cooper, who has tried making it for more than a decade, and also stars Christian Bale as a veteran detective tasked with solving a series of murders that took place in 1830 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Bale's detective partners with a detail-oriented young cadet (Melling), who will later become the world famous author the world knows today. Cross Creek is financing and producing.

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Leading News:

"Op-eds in a Chinese state tabloid slammed U.S. policy. The author works at the Pentagon."

The Washington Post, June 10,

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/06/11/us-taiwan-china-relations-propaganda/>

The headline hardly stood out on the website of the hyper-nationalistic Chinese newspaper.

"Why US will lose a war with China over Taiwan island," announced the April 27 op-ed in the Global Times, which also referred to Taiwan's democratically elected leaders as "renegade secessionists" and called U.S. Congress interest "corrupt."

What was unusual about the article was its author.

Franz Gayl isn't just an American. He is a celebrated whistleblower — whose conduct was praised by then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) — and a retired Marine major working at the Pentagon.

"I knew it would get everybody's attention," Gayl told The Washington Post. "And man, did it."

Some commenters accused him of treason for the piece, which comes at a time of elevated tensions between Washington and Beijing, after it was picked up by a conservative

publication. But Gayl shrugged off the criticism.

“Tucker Carlson responds to Army battalion commander who claimed White people are 'part of the problem'”

Fox News, June 10

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/tucker-carlson-pentagon-commander-white-people-problem>

The Pentagon, under Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, is using a newly-established "working group" to come up with a definition for extremism, which one journalist warns is a way to weed out political dissenters within the ranks and control what soldiers can think.

On "Tucker Carlson Tonight," host Tucker Carlson noted that Austin, a former board member of the defense contractor Raytheon, said during his confirmation process that he will "rid our ranks of racists and extremists," and that "We can't do that if some of our enemies lie within our own ranks."

"Some of our enemies lie within our own ranks,' he's right about that, but probably thinking of a different group," Carlson said in response.

Senior Leaders:

“Sen. Cotton Asks SecDef Lloyd Austin If Military Is Fundamentally Racist: 'I Won't Give You A Yes or No Answer'”

Real Clear Politics, June 10

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2021/06/10/sen_cotton_asks_secdef_lloyd_austin_if_military_is_fundamentally_racist_i_wont_give_you_a_yes_or_no_answer.html

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) hammered Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to answer if the American military is a "fundamentally racist organization" at a Defense funding hearing on Thursday.

COTTON: Again, this is just a few examples. One marine told us that a military history training session was replaced with mandatory training on police brutality, white privilege, and systemic racism. He reported that several officers are now leaving his unit, citing that training.

Another servicemember told us that their unit was required to read White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo, which claims--and this is a quote--white people raised in Western society are conditioned into a white supremacist worldview.

A member of the Special Operations community has told us that they are being instructed that, quote the U.S. Special Operations community is racist. One Army officer relayed to us the words of his general officer who told him that the entire U.S. Army is racist.

A midshipman at the Naval Academy said classmates are calling America a fundamentally racist place, and that this sentiment is not contested by school administrators.

“New Secretary of Army visits Fort Hood for 'Operation People First' update”

KCENTV, June 10, Xiana Fontno

<https://www.kcentv.com/article/news/national/military-news/new-secretary-of-army-visits-fort-hood/500-8067beed-fa69-4a9c-a6c1-f77e7a426adb>

New U.S. Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth, paid a visit to Fort Hood on Thursday, making it her first visit to a major military installation since assuming her duties on May 28.

Wormuth is also the first female secretary of the Army in U.S. history. During her visit, she got updates on “Operation People First,” met with junior enlisted soldiers, toured barracks, family housing and motorpools.

Operation People First is a campaign aimed at building trust and strengthening bonds for all 90,000 soldiers across III Corps, including Forts Hood, Bliss, Carson, and Riley, according to a press release from the Fort Hood Press Center.

The People First program has three focus areas: getting to know soldiers, certifying leaders, and leaders’ holding leaders accountable for individual and unit actions. Wormuth held a closed-door listening session with junior enlisted soldiers from several Fort Hood brigades and battalions. Only privates through specialists were included in the hour-long discussion.

“I believe soldiers like myself were able to express concerns with how we’re being taken care of,” Spc. Michael Alvarado said. “It’s always good to check on the people who are doing the work; making sure we have cohesion.”

“Austin, Milley defend Biden defense budget’s weapon cuts to wary lawmakers”

Defense News, June 10, Joe Gould

<https://www.militarytimes.com/congress/2021/06/10/austin-milley-defend-biden-defense-budgets-weapon-cuts-to-wary-lawmakers/>

Top Pentagon leaders defended President Joe Biden’s flat defense budget request to lawmakers on Thursday along with its “hard choices” to slash legacy weapons programs in favor of developing technologies as a hedge against China.

Two weeks after the Biden administration sent Congress a fiscal 2022 budget request that seeks \$715 billion in Department of Defense funds, senators from both sides of the aisle pressed Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley. The duo faced tense questions over plans to forgo a Navy destroyer, four amphibious warships, MQ-9 Reaper drones and to retire 42 A-10 aircraft, among other moves.

The Biden administration wants to cut weapons that can’t stand up to China and Russia or are too costly to sustain, the officials told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In an exchange over proposed divestments of the RQ-4 Global Hawk Block 30 drones — which are an increasing part of the counterterror fight in Afghanistan as American troops withdraw — Milley acknowledged the military is accepting risk, but said deterring China takes precedence

US Army:

“Women in Command: 1st Aviation Brigade”

WTVY4, June 10

<https://www.wtvty.com/2021/06/10/women-command-1st-aviation-brigade/>

One brigade is making history at Fort Rucker.

For the first time, the 1st Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, has women in command of the brigade and its three battalions.

Col. Tammy Baugh serves as commander of the 1st Aviation Brigade, whose primary mission is to train and develop future Army Aviation leaders.

Lt. Col. Erica Witty commands 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment; and Lt. Col. Katie Slingerland commands 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, both at Fort Rucker.

Lt. Col. Alissa McKaig serves as commander of the 2d Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, which trains Unmanned Aircraft Systems operators and maintainers at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

McKaig prioritizes building a cohesive team, and that includes making people a priority.

“You create that team by taking care of people, and when you do that they’re willing to go the extra mile,” McKaig said.

Her advice to junior Soldiers is to choose the career path that is right for them and their families. At one point in her career, she made the decision to teach at West Point, which went against popular career advice of the day. But it was the right decision for her family, and soon the Army began to emphasize broadening experiences, so the risk turned out to be well worth it.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“State delegate to file bill focused on improving sexual assault reporting at VMI”

The Roanoke Times, June 10, Amy Friedenberger

https://roanoke.com/news/local/education/state-delegate-to-file-bill-focused-on-improving-sexual-assault-reporting-at-vmi/article_0576ae30-ca25-11eb-bc37-fb24bd1f688c.html

A state delegate plans to push to repeal a provision in a state law that exempts Virginia Military Institute cadets from receiving immunity for a drug or alcohol violation if they report a sexual assault incident.

An independent investigation that found “institutional racism and sexism” at the state-supported military college in Lexington suggested deleting this carve-out as one of several recommendations for how VMI could better address the “prevalent” problem of sexual harassment and assault on campus.

Del. Dan Helmer, D-Fairfax, a West Point graduate and Army veteran who said he’ll introduce a bill during the 2022 General Assembly session beginning in January to scrap the exemption, said there is a sexual assault problem in the military and it needs to be addressed throughout the structure, from the military colleges on up.

“Federal board approves removal of ‘Negro’ from more than a dozen place names in Texas”

The Washington Post, June 10, Silvia Foster-Frau

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/federal-board-approves-removal-of-negro-from-more-than-a-dozen-place-names-in-texas/2021/06/10/6a2f4514-c9f6-11eb-a11b-6c6191ccd599_story.html

SAN ANTONIO — A federal board gave unanimous approval Thursday to removing "Negro" from the name of more than a dozen sites in Texas, more than two decades after the agency rejected a nearly identical request.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved name-change requests for 16 sites in one sweeping vote. The action came after the Texas legislature passed a bipartisan resolution last month urging the federal agency to approve removal of the racially offensive term from more than two dozen sites and rename them. The remaining sites listed in the resolution are expected to be submitted for a name-change request soon.

So, for example, Negro Branch, a tributary in Travis and Burnet counties, will be called Ada Simond Creek, named after an award-winning Black writer and activist who was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, according to the Texas State Historical Association. And Negro Head, a summit in Reeves County, will be called Henry Flipper Hill, after a man who was born enslaved in Georgia and became the first Black graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, according to the historical association. He later served at several Texas forts.

Admissions:

"High honor: Somerset Academy Miramar grad headed to West Point"

WSVN, June 10, Lynn Martinez, Jeff Lennox

<https://wsvn.com/news/local/broward/high-honor-somerset-academy-miramar-grad-headed-to-west-point/>

MIRAMAR, FLA. (WSVN) - A Broward County student who has chosen to serve his country received more than his diploma on graduation day.

Cameras captured Colten Hoo as he walked up to the stage during Miramar Somerset Academy's commencement ceremony, Thursday.

"I find it utterly fantastic," he said.

Colten is not just talking about graduating from high school. He is thrilled to represent South Florida at an elite military institution.

"It is amazing that I get the honor of being accepted to West Point," he said.

Achieving the high honor was not an easy task for Colten. It started with a nomination from U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

COVID:

"NYC Now Has 'Functional Immunity' From COVID"

Patch.com, June 10, Sarah Belle Lin

<https://patch.com/new-york/new-york-city/nyc-now-has-functional-immunity-covid>

NEW YORK CITY — While NYC still has a ways to go to achieve herd immunity—where enough of the population is protected against the virus to prevent further spread—public health officials on Wednesday morning say NYC has "functional immunity."

What does that mean exactly?

"There's more and more activity," said Mitchell Katz, president and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals. "We're hugging each other; we're shaking hands. And yet the number of cases is decreasing — just the opposite of what happened when New York City began to open last year. So, the high rates of vaccination are resulting in fewer infections, despite increased contact. That's why I think of it as a 'functional immunity.'"

"German cities with US troops inch back toward normalcy as coronavirus cases drop"

Stars and Stripes, June 10, Jennifer H. Svan

<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/europe/2021-06-10/Cities-in-Germany-with-U.S.-troops-inch-back-towards-normalcy-as-coronavirus-cases-drop-1669152.html>

Restrictions on shopping, indoor dining, sporting events and other activities were eased further Thursday in parts of Germany with large U.S. military populations, as the number of new coronavirus infections continued to fall.

In Wiesbaden, home to U.S. Army Europe and Africa headquarters, the weekly average incidence rate dropped below 50 new cases per 100,000 people. As of Wednesday, Wiesbaden's incidence rate was 28.7 new cases per 100,000 inhabitants, a sharp drop from the end of May, when it was 82.6.

The lower threshold allowed municipal officials to ease federally mandated restrictions starting Thursday. People may shop without an appointment, dine indoors with a negative coronavirus test, and visit swimming pools, castles, museums, indoor zoos and botanical gardens in the city. Mask mandates still apply.

Sports:

"Army football turns to four team captains for first time in Jeff Monken era"

Times Herald-Record, June 10, Ken McMillian

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/06/10/army-west-point-football-names-four-team-captains/7636784002/>

Head coach Jeff Monken was hoping for a group of captains to maintain a level of excellence now that the Army football program has ascended to championship heights, and he believes he has such a unit.

For the first time in Monken's tenure, the Black Knights will be led by four captains, all of whom play on the defense. Seniors Nolan Cockrill, Arik Smith and Cedrick Cunningham will be joined by junior Marquel Broughton as the team leaders.

"I want them to maintain the standards of excellence that it takes for us to be a championship program," Monken said of his Commander-in-Chief series champs, "and to lead with honor and distinction."

“Army West Point's August Cook Completes Competition at NCAA Championships”
Patriot League, June 10

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/6/10/track-field-army-west-points-august-cook-completes-competition-at-ncaa-championships.aspx>

EUGENE, Ore. – August Cook of the Army West Point men's track and field team finished 13th in the javelin at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field meet at Hayward Field Wednesday evening.

The Bedford, Pa., native's top heave was 68.48m. With the result, Cook garnered second team all-America honors. The most recent Black Knight to earn second team all-America recognition was Mike Renard, who finished 14th in discus in 2019.

Cook was just the second person in program history to advance to nationals at least three times. He holds the program record in the javelin with a mark of 75.20m, which he threw in the Patriot League outdoor championships. That mark also doubled as a meet record.

Alumni:

“ILM airport director voted out with no explanation from Airport Authority”

WECT, June 10, Ann McAdams |

<https://www.wect.com/2021/06/10/ilm-airport-director-voted-out-with-no-explanation-airport-authority/>

WILMINGTON, N.C. (WECT) - After 22 years of service to the Wilmington International Airport, Julie Wilsey has been voted out of her job by the Airport Authority. The move came as a surprise to many, and the Airport Authority isn't explaining its decision.

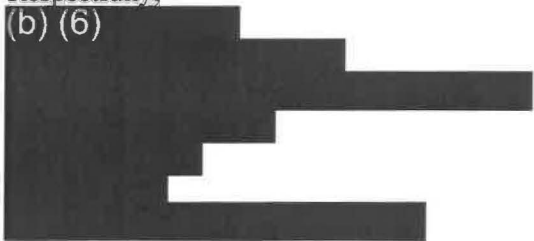
Wilsey, a United States Military Academy at West Point graduate, spent the last six years at the helm, as the director of ILM. She did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Thursday morning.

Gary Broughton, ILM's Deputy Director, directed WECT to call Airport Authority Chairman Donna Girardot for comment. Broughton confirmed that he is retiring from his job at the airport on Sept. 1.

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Leading News:

"Michael Waltz Continues to Ask About Critical Race Theory at West Point"

Florida Daily, June 11

<https://www.floridadaily.com/michael-waltz-continues-to-ask-about-critical-race-theory-at-west-point/>

This week, U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., the first Green Beret to serve in Congress, sent a second letter to Lieutenant General Darryl Williams, the superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, with additional questions about the vetting of speakers and seminars, as well as whether the U.S. Military Academy intends to keep Critical Race Theory in its curriculum going forward.

The letter follows Williams' response to Waltz's first letter on the matter in April. In Williams' letter, he confirmed Dr. Carol Anderson was a guest lecturer on campus and spoke on Critical Race Theory and approximately 100 students attended the optional lecture. Additionally, he confirmed a course held on campus includes Critical Race Theory in its syllabus.

"Amid A 'Stark' Racial Disparity In Military Academy Nominations, Should Congress Be Doing More?"

CPR News, June 12

<https://www.cpr.org/2021/06/12/amid-a-stark-racial-disparity-in-military-academy-nominations-should-congress-be-doing-more/>

A recent analysis found members of Congress are more likely to nominate white students than students of color to attend the nation's elite military academies. That raises questions about how to make the 200-year-old congressional nomination system more equitable.

Nominations are required by law for students who want to study at the U.S. Military Academy West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, or the Merchant Marine Academy. If a student can secure a nomination and meet the academies' strict standards for admission, it means a free education in exchange for five years of service.

The Connecticut Veterans Legal Center analyzed more two decades of congressional nominations. The results were "stark," said Liam Brennan, the center's executive director.

"Young Black Americans make up about 15% of the young adult population, but Black students only received 6% of current members' nominations at the military service academies," Brennan said. "That's a great big differential."

Brennan found similar disparities for Latinos: 8% get nominations even though they make up about 22% of young adults.

Senior Leaders:

"Sen. Cotton grills Defense Secretary Austin in testy exchange over 'woke' military"

Fox News, June 12, Lucas Tomlinson

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/sen-cotton-grills-defense-secretary-austin>

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin was grilled by Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing Thursday over a so-called 'woke' military.

"Do you believe that any member of the military should be treated differently based on their skin color and sex? Again yes or no will do," Cotton asked during the hearing. "No, I do not believe that and that is why we have diversity equity and inclusion focus in the military," Austin responded

The Arkansas senator and former Army infantry officer said he and Congressman Dan Crenshaw, R-Texas, a former Navy SEAL, had received "several hundred" messages from irate service members complaining the Pentagon's 'extremism and diversity' training is dividing the forces and taking time away from critical training for war.

"DoD's new electronic health record rollout is now about one-third complete"

Federal Drive, June 11, Tom Temin

<https://www.podcastone.com/episode/DoDs-new-electronic-health-record-rollout-is-now-about-one-third-complete>

The Defense Department has just wrapped up the biggest deployment so far of its new multibillion dollar electronic health record. The latest wave of MHS Genesis installations just about doubled the system's footprint in a single day, and the massive IT project is now about a third of the way finished. Federal News Network's Jared Serbu has an update on what Defense health officials have learned so far, and how the system will integrate with VA's EHR project

US Army:

“National Museum of the U.S. Army reopens with 246 candles on Army's birthday”

WJLA-ABC (DC), June 13, John Gonzalez

<https://wjla.com/news/local/national-museum-us-army-reopens-246-candles-armys-birthday>

A new museum known as the National Museum of the U.S. Army debuted in the midst of a pandemic, on Veterans Day in November of 2020.

Just a month later in December, it was forced to temporarily close its door because of a violent second wave of the pandemic.

Now it is reopening on the 246th birthday of the U.S. Army.

A special day for the Armed Forces and a special place in Fairfax County located just outside Fort Belvoir that tells the story of the oldest and largest military branch in the nation.

The museum honors more than a million active-duty service members including National Guardsmen and reservists and pays tribute to the hundreds of thousands that came before them.

A magnificent new building – some say this museum has been over 246 years in the making.

Army history is American history.

“‘Heart-wrenching problem’ for Army in Alaska: 2 bases. 5 months. 6 suicides.”

USA Today, June 11, Tom Vanden Brook

<https://www.usatoday.com/restricted/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatoday.com%2Fin-depth%2Fnews%2Fpolitics%2F2021%2F06%2F11%2Fmilitary-suicides-stand-out-alaska-where-6-have-died-5-months%2F7622163002%2F>

Six soldiers stationed in Alaska have died by apparent suicide in the first five months of the year, an alarming number of deaths after the Army poured more than \$200 million into the state to combat the mental health crisis it identified in 2019, according to Army figures released to USA TODAY.

The 2021 suicide toll among the roughly 11,500 soldiers stationed there already has nearly matched last year when seven soldiers died by suicide while stationed with U.S. Army Alaska, whose principal posts are Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage.

While suicide rates among troops overall is comparable to the civilian population, the rate within the relatively small population of Alaska-based soldiers appears to be nearly four times the general U.S. rate.

Minus 60-degree cold, the high frequency of training and deployment and geographic and social isolation have been cited as key stresses in lives of soldiers stationed in Alaska. The relatively high cost of living, alcohol abuse, sleep disorders in the Land of Midnight Sun and its long, dark winters can contribute to mental health issues as well. Among the general population, Alaska had the second highest suicide rate in the nation in 2019, according to the

CDC.

The Army identified those problems and more after responding to a cluster of 11 suicides among soldiers at Fort Wainwright from Jan. 2014 and March 2019. A survey of 4,000 soldiers there found that 10.8% had expressed ideas about suicide, according to the 2019 report.

"Soldiers identified isolation, stigma, limited resources, poor coping skills, alcohol use, and poor quality of life at (Fort Wainwright) as factors they perceived as contributing to suicidal behavior," the report said.

"The Army Does Not Need a Better Fitness Test. It Needs a Better Culture"

Military.com, June 11, SFC Robert W. Frisina

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/opinions/2021/06/11/army-does-not-need-better-fitness-test-it-needs-better-culture.html>

Military.com's recent report that more than half of female soldiers are still falling short on the Army Combat Fitness Test, and 44% have failed, shouldn't come as much of a surprise to any service leader who has been paying attention to implementation efforts.

It has been documented repeatedly that the Army, while attempting to create a gender- and age-neutral test, might inadvertently have skewed it unfavorably against women.

This has been acknowledged by the revision of scoring tables, the addition of a plank option if one cannot perform a successful leg tuck, and the removal of the military occupational specialty-specific scoring tables. It seems clear that, before the ACFT is fully implemented, it is most likely going to change again.

The implementation of this test has gone on in the unprecedented environment of COVID-19. Installations closed gyms, and PT formations were discontinued. If anything, the testing and implementation of the ACFT revealed what many Army leaders already knew -- that physical readiness across the force is in a severe state of a lack of readiness.

Change is hard. But the rampant criticism of the ACFT prompts a question: Is there a physical fitness test that could overcome all that resistance to change? Regardless of how you may personally feel, there has to be an acknowledgment that the current Army Physical Fitness Test is flawed. I would hope that, in the 41 years since the APFT was first implemented as a test of record, we have gained a greater understanding of physical science.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Hate watch group reviews Confederate symbols at military colleges, including 3 at Naval Academy, as renaming studied"

Capital Gazette, June 14, Heather Mongilio

<http://www.capitalgazette.com/education/naval-academy/ac-cn-naval-academy-confederate-symbols-20210614-ui5rwiojfnctdgeolgaw5lwli-story.html>

A report examining the four service academies and other military colleges found that while the Naval Academy in Annapolis had three symbols of the Confederacy, other military colleges had as many as dozens on their campus.

The Southern Poverty Law Center report, which also listed symbols off military institutions, listed Maury Hall, Buchanan House and Buchanan Road as parts of the installation with connections to the Confederacy.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy are the two service academies with Confederate symbols. The center did not find any at the Air Force or Coast Guard academies.

West Point has five symbols, four of which are dedicated to Confederate general Robert E. Lee, including its barracks. A sixth symbol — a scholarship also named after Lee — was removed in 2018, according to the SPLC.

The report also examined Virginia Military Institute, which had the most symbols at approximately 30, and The Citadel in South Carolina, which had 20. One of Virginia Military Institute's symbols has already been removed, and three are pending removal or renaming. Confederate symbols on military institutions are particularly egregious because the Confederate Army fought against the United States, said SPLC Chief of Staff Lecia Brooks, citing historian Matthew Delmont.

“Pentagon gets ‘woke’: Whistleblowers reveal segregation for ‘privilege walks,’ critical race theory”

The Washington Times, June 11, Joseph Clark

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/jun/11/pentagon-whistleblowers-troops-segregated-privileg/>

Sen. Tom Cotton has revealed some of the hundreds of whistleblower complaints from service members who object to critical race theory indoctrination in the military, including airmen being divided by race and sex into groups for “privilege walks.”

The service members also spoke out against receiving reading lists of critical race theory books as part of the Pentagon's new anti-extremism and diversity training within the ranks.

“This is about a very specific kind of anti-American indoctrination that is seeping into some parts of our military,” Mr. Cotton said at a recent Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. Mr. Cotton, Arkansas Republican, received the complaints through a whistleblower site he launched in late May in partnership with Rep. Dan Crenshaw, Texas Republican.

Mr. Cotton, a former Army infantry officer, and Mr. Crenshaw, a former Navy SEAL lieutenant commander, created the site to identify “woke” ideology within the military, they said.

The service members' complaints add to the mounting pushback against “woke” culture that is quickly spreading through America's schools, workplaces and government. These institutions increasingly adopt training and curriculum based on critical race theory, which holds that White people are inherently racist and invested in the oppression of people of color.

Pentagon officials have defended the training as promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in the armed forces.

Critics contend that it is sowing division in the ranks

USCC:

“Tate Blessinger graduates from West Point”

Dubois County Free Press, June 14

<https://www.duboiscountyfreepress.com/tate-blessinger-graduates-from-west-point/>

Cadet Tate Blessinger, son of Mike and Nancy Blessinger of Jasper, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Blessinger graduated from Jasper High School in 2016 and spent a year at DePauw University prior to attending the United States Military Academy.

While at West Point, Blessinger concentrated his studies in Organizational Psychology and Leadership earning his degree with honors and graduating Magna Cum Laude. He earned membership in the Association of College Honor Societies of Psi Chi, a national honor society for Psychology majors as well as membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society.

COVID:

“In Anthrax’s Shadow”

Army Times, June 15, Todd South

<https://www.armytimes.com/>

Today’s optional vaccinations are yesterday’s lessons learned

While the military has pursued vaccinating the force against COVID-19 over recent months, taking the shot has remained voluntary.

Even so, the Defense Department has made steady progress in getting the active-duty force vaccinated. Fifty-eight percent of active-duty troops had received at least one dose and 44 percent were fully vaccinated as of May 20, DoD health leaders said.

But not everyone offered the shot has taken it.

In February, reports showed at least a third of troops had declined vaccination. By March, however, acceptance rates were rising, Pentagon officials said.

Each of the services continue to provide incentives, such as fewer liberty restrictions, elimination of movement restrictions before a deployment and maskless work.

But leaders are not allowed to punish or reprimand troops who refuse.

The voluntary COVID-19 vaccine effort stands in stark contrast to the Pentagon’s mandatory Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, which began in 1998. Despite the questionable safety of the program, all active-duty service members were required to take the series of shots, and troops who refused often faced harsh penalties.

How the anthrax vaccination effort was handled casts a long shadow over today’s vaccination

efforts in the era of coronavirus.

Keeping the COVID-19 vaccine voluntary has been supported by both recent presidential administrations and their defense secretaries, so far. But if President Joe Biden decides that fully vaccinating certain units or the entire force is a vital national security need, the vaccine could go from voluntary to mandatory with the stroke of a pen.

Sports:

“Service academies need clear, consistent rules for potential pro athletes”

NBC Sports, June 11, Mike Florio

<https://profootballtalk.nbcsports.com/2021/06/11/service-academies-need-clear-consistent-rules-for-potential-pro-athletes/>

It seems like the question comes up nearly every year. It needs to be resolved once and for all.

Athletes who attend service academies either should or shouldn't be allowed to defer their service obligations to pursue careers in pro sports. Whatever it is, the various institutions — West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy — need to select a lane and stay in it.

Navy defensive back Cameron Kinley, barred from deferring his service obligation for a shot at the NFL, has become the latest example of the wishy-washy nature of the service academies. Over the past several years, the rule has changed and re-changed and changed again. Someone needs to make a rule and stick with it.

Most importantly, every kid with high-end athletic talent who accepts an appointment to a service academy should know the rules before he or she signs on the dotted line. It's only fair. Whatever the rule, the athletes need to know it, and the service academies need to honor it.

Honor. That's a word that gets thrown around all the time at military schools. There's nothing less honorable than a constantly moving target.

“Mountain View grad Marquel Broughton named captain of Army football team as junior”

Gwinnett Daily Post, June 11

https://www.gwinnettdailypost.com/sports/mountain-view-grad-marquel-broughton-named-captain-of-army-football-team-as-junior/article_1e51bf68-cb32-11eb-890f-d3dba4bee6e5.html

Mountain View grad Marquel Broughton was named this week as one of four captains for the 2021 Army Black Knights football team.

Broughton, a defensive back, is the lone junior among the four captains and the first junior captain for the West Point, N.Y., academy's football team since 2018. He is just the third junior captain since 2015.

All four captains are members of an Army defense that ranked No. 1 nationally in 2020.

Broughton finished fourth on the team last season with 67 tackles, including a team-high 40

solo tackles. He also had two interceptions, three pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Alumni:

“Facts about Custer were distorted”

The Monroe News, June 13

<https://www.monroenews.com/story/opinion/letters/2021/06/13/letter-facts-custer-were-distorted/7646264002/>

Responding to the United Tribes of Michigan's support to remove or relocate the Custer Statue: Custer never did any military action against any Michigan tribes, and your reasons stated are the slanted information given out by those who wish to distort the facts.

Custer had a poor record at West Point, yes, but how did that hinder him from achieving heroic service during the Civil War, which the statue is dedicated to?

Custer was demoted from general to lieutenant colonel, yes he was, but not because of misdeeds, as you wish to imply; he reverted to his permanent rank due to the downsizing of the Army. The rank of general was temporary. As a Lieutenant Colonel, Custer commanded a battalion of less than 1,000 men, hardly enough to blame Custer as the orchestrator of the genocide policy of the government.

Other:

“U.S. Representative visits future Air Force Academy Visitor Center site”

KOAA, June 13, Erin Chapman

<https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/u-s-representative-visits-future-air-force-academy-visitor-center-site>

COLORADO SPRINGS — The new Air Force Academy Visitors Center is getting closer to breaking ground.

Construction is expected to begin this fall.

On Saturday, the project developer, Dan Schnepf, shared the plan with 2000 graduate, August Pfluger.

Pfluger is AFA's first male graduate to serve in Congress.

"To be a member of congress and to take the lessons of leadership from Air Force to Congress and lead in a different way is really unique," said Pfluger.

A hotel, shopping center, and restaurants are also in the plan.

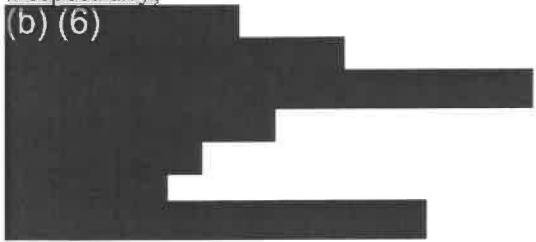
Schnepf says the project will generate 1,600 full-time jobs and more than \$100 million in one year.

Pfluger and Schnepf say the project wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for the community.

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DOD:

23 JUN: GEN Daniel R. Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, will conduct a media engagement in the Pentagon Briefing Room on the current state of the National Guard at 1300.

24 JUN: Mr. Christopher Lowman, SOPTD of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a
#TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

24 JUN: Mr. Jaime Pinkham, acting ASA for CW, and LTG Scott Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and CG of USACE, will testify on the FY22 USACE budget request before the House T&I Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment at 1100.

24 JUN: LTG Erik Peterson, DCS of G-8, will deliver remarks and answer questions as part of the Military Affairs series at the Union League Club in New York City.

24 JUN: MG Paul Chamberlain, Director of Army Budget; BG Michael McCurry, Director of Force Development, G-8; and COL Chris Schneider, Deputy for Acquisition Systems Management, ASA ALT, will participate in an AUSA Noon Report on the FY22 Army budget proposal.

24 JUN: MG Douglas Stitt, director of the Military Personnel Management Office, G-1, will host a virtual media roundtable at 1400 on the new Army Transgender Policy.

24 JUN: MG Matthew McFarlane, 4th Infantry Division commander, will participate in a media roundtable following Joint Warfighting Assessment 21 at Fort Carson.

Leading News:

“Joint Chiefs Warn Against Bill Overhauling Military Justice System”

The Wall Street Journal, June 22, Nancy A. Youssef and Lindsay Wise
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/joint-chiefs-warn-against-bill-overhauling-military-justice-system-11624381200>

The top leaders of the Army, Navy, Marines and other military branches voiced concern about legislation that would make sweeping changes in the military justice system, expressing their views in letters to a leading Republican opponent of the bill.

The military leaders, members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, provided their arguments to Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee. The

legislation, which supporters say will better combat sexual harassment and assault within military ranks, has the support of two-thirds of all senators

The bill would change the way the U.S. military prosecutes sexual assault, murder and other serious crimes within the ranks by stripping commanders of their longstanding authority to decide whether to send such cases to trial. Instead, independent military prosecutors would make those calls.

The military chiefs argued taking all serious crimes out of the chain of command would undermine military leadership and potentially lead to unintended results, including a possible erosion of prevention efforts.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff is composed of the military heads of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and National Guard, and has a chairman and vice chairman. While military service leaders are required to answer questions from legislators, it is unusual for military leaders to offer such detailed arguments against pending legislation.

“It is my professional opinion that removing commanders from the prosecution decisions, process, and accountability may have an adverse effect on readiness, mission accomplishment, good order and discipline, justice, unit cohesion, trust, and loyalty between commanders and those they lead,” wrote Army Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“However, in the specific and limited circumstance of sexual assault, I remain open-minded to all solutions.”

Senior Leaders:

“Austin backs change in military sex assault prosecution”

Associated Press, June 22, Lolita C. Baldor

<https://apnews.com/article/military-sexual-assault-prosecutions-lloyd-austin-80b850cf22662937f51b964c3faf100f>

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, for the first time, said Tuesday he will support long-debated changes to the military justice system that would remove decisions on prosecuting sexual assault cases from military commanders.

In a statement, obtained by The Associated Press, Austin said he supports taking those sexual assault and related crimes away from the chain of command, and let independent military lawyers handle them.

Pentagon has long resisted such a change, but Austin and other senior leaders are slowly acknowledging that the military has failed to make progress against sexual assault, and some changes are needed.

Austin pledged to work with Congress to make the changes, saying they will give the department “real opportunities to finally end the scourge of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military.” His public support for the shift has been eagerly awaited, sending a strong signal to the military and boosting momentum for the change.

The statement came a day before Austin testifies to the House Armed Services Committee amid escalating pressure from Congress to take concrete steps to address sexual assault.

Austin's memo, however, does not express any view on legislation that would make broader changes to the military justice system and require that independent lawyers handle all major crimes.

“For military’s top man, navigating the Trump-Biden transition is his biggest test yet”

National Security, June 22, Missy Ryan

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-biden-milley-transition-military/2021/06/22/44df70ea-c9f1-11eb-93fa-9053a95eb9f2_story.html

Days after cameras captured him walking alongside President Donald Trump across a square near the White House that had been violently cleared of protesters, Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sat in his office across the Potomac assessing the fallout.

People whom Milley respected had issued scathing condemnations of his role in the president's June 2020 photo op, saying it represented a military endorsement of Trump's suppression of peaceful protests, and a chorus of commentators called for the general to resign. Friends urged Milley — a gruff, ebullient and sometimes impulsive career soldier — to stay on for the good of the country.

Milley tried to explain that the episode had caught him off guard, that he hadn't known Trump's intentions when they walked into an area where just minutes earlier authorities had used tear gas to disperse protesters. Milley also knew that to the cold gaze of history, it might not matter.

US Army:

“Army’s ‘Not There Yet’ On Going After Full Electrification For JLTV, McConville Says”

Defense Daily, June 22, Matthew Beinart

<https://www.defensedaily.com/armys-not-yet-going-full-electrification-jltv-mcconville-says/army/>

Army Chief Gen. James McConville said Tuesday he doesn't believe full vehicle electrification will be a requirement for the service's follow-on production competition for the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV), adding the service will likely focus on potential hybrid power solutions for platforms of that size.

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) pressed McConville during a Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee hearing on why the service was not pursuing “more aggressive transition to electrification” for JLTV as it looks to award the next production contract as soon as next year.

“We’re concerned and we have people looking into electrification. But on the larger combat vehicles [it’s about] what can you do in the near-term and what can you do in the long-term. And in some cases we’re not sure we can get to fully electrification, but can we get to a hybrid [solution] that cuts fuel by 25 percent,” McConville said in response to Baldwin. “But as far as going to a full electrification of [JLTV], I don’t think we’re there yet.”

McConville said he sees a benefit in moving to electrification as a means of reducing logistics

burden and lessening vehicles' acoustic signatures, citing the Army's ongoing effort to develop an Electric Light Reconnaissance Vehicle concept platform, but said current efforts are likely to stick to smaller platforms.

Dean:

"Six states have banned critical race theory, with more to come"

The College Fix, June 23, Alexander Pease

<https://www.thecollegefix.com/six-states-have-passed-rules-against-critical-race-theory-with-more-in-the-wings/>

Texas and Utah are next up

State and federal lawmakers are taking aim at critical race theory in K-12 classrooms, the military, and higher education. The push against it in the states has gotten the most traction.

Christopher Rufo, a filmmaker and senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, has created an online legislation tracker to see where bills and rules against critical race theory are being proposed, and frequently passing.

At press time, six states had limited critical race theory teaching either by an act of the legislature and the cooperation of the governor or through a statewide education bureaucracy.

According to the tracker, those states where anti-critical race theory rules passed are Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

A few states had passed legislation and were waiting for the governor's assent. These states included Texas and Utah.

State-by-state success stories

Between state and federal legislatures and agencies, there have been 40 rules introduced that seek to topple tax-funded curriculums of critical race theory in American educational environments.

Some bills have seen success, some are still being considered, and others have died by being rejected or withdrawn in committee.

There have been reports that prestigious military school West Point is pushing critical race theory on cadets.

Garrison:

"The 25 Absolute Best Hikes in the Hudson Valley"

101.5 WPDH, June 22, Smitty

<https://wpdh.com/hudson-valleys-devils-path-proves-true-for-one-out-of-town-hiker/>

We've compiled a list of the 25 best hikes in the Hudson Valley. All of the hikes are of varying difficulties and lengths, so no matter your skill level or amount of time you have available there is a hike for you here.

Breakneck Ridge in Hudson Highlands State Park

One of the most scenic views of the Hudson River, this hike is a favorite among locals and visitors alike. Depending on the route one takes, it can either be a leisurely stroll to the summit or a challenging trek to the peak of the ridge. Once there, one can enjoy views of the US Military Academy at West Point, and see the Hudson River stretch on for miles in either direction from an elevation of over 1,000 feet above sea level

Sports:

“LOOK: 50 images of winning moments from sports history”

ESPN, June 22

<https://espn991.com/phoenix-suns-take-2-0-lead-in-nba-west-finals-video/>

Sometimes images are the best way to honor the figures we've lost. When tragedy swiftly reminds us that sports are far from the most consequential thing in life, we can still look back on an athlete's winning moment that felt larger than life, remaining grateful for their sacrifice on the court and bringing joy to millions.

2016: Army football ends 14-game losing streak vs. Navy

In the storied rivalry of service academies Army and Navy, the Black Knights had suffered 14 consecutive defeats to the Midshipmen, last winning in 2001. Army scored the go-ahead touchdown with six minutes remaining and ultimately ran out the final four minutes of the clock before the cadets spilled onto the field of Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium.

COVID:

“Humans now testing the Army's catch-all COVID vaccine”

Army Times, June 22, Todd South

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2021/06/22/humans-are-now-testing-the-armys-new-covid-vaccine/>

A kind of catch-all vaccine that could protect against current and future strains of the coronavirus that sparked the COVID-19 global pandemic has already been tested by Army scientists on mice, monkeys, horses, hamsters and even sharks.

Early human testing has begun and researchers expect the first data sets on immunity in the coming weeks. This effort is a new approach to handling viruses, finding ways to defeat families of viruses rather than a specific strain.

And that's important because medical experts worry that the next pandemic-triggering virus could be more contagious than COVID-19 and far deadlier.

“We know it's safe and tolerable but we don't know yet the immunity it confers,” said Dr. Kayvon Modjarrad, director of the emerging infectious diseases branch at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He spoke during the Defense One 2021 Tech Summit on Monday.

“Morgan Stanley will bar workers without Covid vaccinations from most New York

offices beginning July 12”

CNBC, June 22, Dan Mangan

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/22/morgan-stanley-to-bar-workers-without-covid-vaccinations-from-offices-.html>

Morgan Stanley on Tuesday told its staff that workers and clients who are not vaccinated against Covid-19 will be barred from returning to New York City and Westchester County offices with a large employee presence beginning July 12, CNBC has confirmed.

All Morgan Stanley staff in the New York metropolitan area are also now required to attest to their coronavirus vaccination status by July 1.

Employees who are not fully vaccinated will have to continue working remotely, the company told workers Tuesday.

Alumni:

“BROWN TO SUCCEED HAM AS AUSA PRESIDENT AND CEO”

AUSA, June 22, Michelle Tan

https://www.ausa.org/news/brown-succeed-ham-ausa-president-and-ceo?fbclid=IwAR1I5Kv1yWAIleJB0m-VaL76JxnI_ysuUZOflVJxpY4I3dj_wCorGu0IpoI

Retired Gen. Robert Brown will become the Association of the U.S. Army’s president and CEO on Oct. 1, succeeding retired Gen. Carter Ham, who has led AUSA since 2016, the association’s board of directors announced.

AUSA Board Chairman Phebe Novakovic said, “Carter Ham is an extraordinary leader whose wise stewardship of AUSA has been transformative. As all great leaders, Carter leaves AUSA even stronger than he found it.”

“We have been fortunate to have as his replacement Bob Brown, who will continue to lead AUSA to new heights,” she said.

Brown, 62, joined AUSA in January as executive vice president and interim vice president for membership and meetings. He has been deeply involved in planning the 2021 Annual Meeting and Exposition, which will be held Oct. 11–13 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., and a Welcome Back Campaign that is a post-pandemic effort to increase AUSA membership and participation.

“I’m humbled and very proud to be selected to lead the exceptional team at AUSA, an organization with a deep history and a strong record of support for the United States Army,” Brown said. “Gen. Carter Ham tirelessly worked to grow AUSA and to hold the organization on course during a pandemic that completely changed the equation for an association built around holding in-person meetings. AUSA adapted and even grew because of his steady leadership.”

Brown added, “He set a high bar for me. I’m grateful for the trust the AUSA board of directors made picking me for this job. I have a lot to learn between now and Oct. 1, and I am excited for the future.”

Ham called it an “extraordinary privilege” to serve at AUSA for the past five-plus years. “The team at AUSA National has proven to be resilient, innovative and imaginative in the accomplishment of so many missions that support soldiers and their families, Army civilians, veterans, retirees and the great businesses that support America’s Army.”

“I know that Gen. Bob Brown is exactly the right leader to take AUSA to even greater accomplishments,” Ham said. “I’ve served with him in combat and have seen him in some of the Army’s most demanding assignments; he will be great as our president and chief executive officer.”

A 1981 West Point graduate who served in the Army for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019, Brown has filled key leadership positions in multiple theaters, including combat tours in Iraq and a final assignment as commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, the Army’s largest service component command.

“Peeples Takes Command Of Great Lakes And Ohio River Engineer Division”

The Waterways Journal Weekly, June 22, Shelley Byrne

<https://www.waterwaysjournal.net/2021/06/22/peeples-takes-command-of-great-lakes-and-ohio-river-engineer-division/>

With the passing of colors and brief remarks from each, command of the Corps’ Great Lakes and Ohio Division passed from Maj. Gen. Robert F. “Bob” Whittle Jr. to Col. Kimberly “Kim” A. Peeples in a June 11 change of command ceremony.

The 30-minute outdoor ceremony in Cincinnati, Ohio, was broadcast live on the district’s Facebook page for those who could not attend in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

It began with the presentation of eight red roses representing the division and its seven districts being presented to Whittle’s wife, Kathleen Whittle, along with welcoming gifts to Peeples’ husband, John, and son, Van. The gifts represented the support and contributions made by loved ones.

Peeples graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1994 and was commissioned into the Corps.

“When Money is not Enough”

Fort Meyers Florida Weekly, June 22

<https://fortmeyers.floridaweekly.com/articles/when-money-is-not-enough/>

When Delta Air Lines announced plans to pay out a record \$1.6 billion in profit sharing to its 90,000 employees — the equivalent of about two months pay for each of them — workers across America likely turned envious. If only their employers would do the same. Of course, not all companies can afford such lavish bonuses, but there are other things CEOs can do to boost employee morale and, at the same time, reduce the odds that their best workers go looking elsewhere for employment, says Troy Nix, a motivational speaker, businessman and author of “Eternal Impact: Inspire Greatness in Yourself and Others.”

“Money is just one thing that motivates employees, and it’s not always the primary motivator,” says Mr. Nix, founder and CEO of First Resource Inc., an association-management company specializing in manufacturing networks.

“Other factors — many of them having to do with working conditions or managers — are more likely to influence whether someone stays with a company or heads out the door.”

A Randstad US study on why workers part ways with employers reported that some of the reasons most often cited include: They dislike their direct supervisors; they feel their companies view profits or revenue as more important than how people are treated; there aren't enough growth opportunities for them; their companies fail to make the best use of their skills and abilities; the work culture is toxic; or their departments are understaffed.

Mr. Nix points out that bonuses or pay raises, while desirable, wouldn't solve any of those core problems that lead to employee turnover.

“The secret to maintaining and growing a quality workforce lies in having a people-centric culture,” he says. “Certainly, there is no one silver bullet that will solve a company's workforce dilemma, but there are ways businesses can create a worker-friendly atmosphere that will result in happier, more productive employees who want to stay with them.”

Mr. Nix, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, served in the armed forces for a decade moving into the business world.

“Kate Rodriguez Joins HCI Equity Partners' Executive Partner Group”

Cision PR News Wire, June 23

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/kate-rodriguez-joins-hci-equity-partners-executive-partner-group-301317916.html>

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- HCI Equity Partners ("HCI") announced today that Kate Rumely Rodriguez has joined the HCI Executive Partner group and has been appointed to the board of directors for HCI portfolio company Tech-24. Ms. Rodriguez will advise on human capital, talent acquisition and D&I initiatives throughout the entire HCI portfolio. HCI is a lower middle market private equity firm that partners with family and founder owned manufacturing, service and distribution companies.

Ms. Rodriguez is currently a Senior Global Executive Recruiter at Cognizant where she partners with their senior business leaders, providing comprehensive in-house executive search services addressing the most important executive leadership needs. Prior to joining Cognizant, she built executive search practices for the HR think tank i4cp and served as a Partner at Hanold Associates. She developed her talent acquisition career over a long tenure at GE, where she led the US recruiting for GE's Energy, Aviation, Transportation, Oil and Gas, and Enterprise solutions. In addition, Ms. Rodriguez was responsible for metrics, compliance, diversity and veteran recruiting, and spent two years as a Six Sigma Black Belt at GE Capital Hawaii. Ms. Rodriguez has a BS in Systems Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“Historic alliance: Marriage between US, South Korean army officers is first of its kind”

Stars and Stripes, June 22, David Choi

https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2021-06-22/historic-alliance-marriage-between-us-south-korean-army-officers-is-first-of-its-kind-1772945.html

CAMP CASEY, South Korea – South Korean army Capt. Ha Neul laughed as she recalled

meeting her husband, U.S. Army Capt. Miles Gabrielson, last year.

“We have a very different memory over that,” she said during a recent interview with the newlyweds at this base 40 miles north of Seoul. “He thought I was smiling at him.”

While relationships between Americans and Koreans are not uncommon, the couple’s Feb. 20 union became the first of its kind: a marriage between active-duty officers in the U.S. and Korean armies, according to the 2nd Infantry Division.

The bond between Ha, 31, and Gabrielson, 29, both artillery officers, formed in May 2020 after the pair was tasked with one of the most mundane duties in the military: creating a PowerPoint presentation.

“We both went to military academies,” he said, referring to his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Ha’s graduation from the Korea Military Academy. “We both have the same job, the same rank, and work in the same place. On the surface, you might say we have a lot more in common than a lot of couples from the same country.

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DOD:

24 JUN: Mr. Christopher Lowman, SOPTD of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

24 JUN: Mr. Jaime Pinkham, acting ASA for CW, and LTG Scott Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and CG of USACE, will testify on the FY22 USACE budget request before the House T&I Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment at 1100.

24 JUN: LTG Erik Peterson, DCS of G-8, will deliver remarks and answer questions as part of the Military Affairs series at the Union League Club in New York City.

24 JUN: MG Paul Chamberlain, Director of Army Budget; BG Michael McCurry, Director of Force Development, G-8; and COL Chris Schneider, Deputy for Acquisition Systems Management, ASA ALT, will participate in an AUSA Noon Report on the FY22 Army budget proposal.

24 JUN: MG Douglas Stitt, director of the Military Personnel Management Office, G-1, will host a virtual media roundtable at 1400 on the new Army Transgender Policy.

24 JUN: MG Matthew McFarlane, 4th Infantry Division commander, will participate in a media roundtable following Joint Warfighting Assessment 21 at Fort Carson.

Leading News:

“Top general defends West Point students' studying of critical race theory”

ABC News, June 23, Luis Martinez

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/top-general-defends-west-point-student-studying-critical/story?id=78448653>

Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, defended the right of West Point students to discuss race after some Republican congressmen complained that one class at the academy was recognizing critical race theory.

During a congressional budget hearing before the House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday with Milley and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Minn., raised his concerns to the nation's top defense officials about a seminar class at the school entitled "Understanding Whiteness and White Rage."

Waltz alleged that the class was "taught by a woman who described the Republican Party platform as a platform of white supremacy."

"This is going on at West Point, as we speak, to our future military leaders," he said.

Austin said he needed more information to adequately respond to Waltz's question but said this was "not something that the United States military is embracing and pushing and causing people to subscribe to."

"Rep. Donalds blasts Gen. Milley's defense of critical race theory in military: 'Gov't shouldn't be funding it'"

Fox News, June 24, Charles Creitz

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/donalds-milley-critical-race-theory-military>

Reps. Byron Donalds and Michael Waltz, both Florida Republicans, called out the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark A. Milley, on "The Ingraham Angle," over Milley's defense of critical race theory being included in the Pentagon reading curriculum.

During a hearing that featured terse exchanges between Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin III and some congressional Republicans, Milley appeared to admonish the lawmakers who made an issue of the topic:

"What is wrong with understanding, having some situational understanding about the country that we are here to defend," Milley said, addressing the committee.

Host Laura Ingraham told Donalds that she was outraged by Milley's "arrogant" tone. "I'm upset about it as well. You are 100% correct," said Donalds. "Congress should not be sending money to the military in order to teach critical race theory."

Donalds, who is Black, went on to say that White servicemembers should not have to be concerned about atoning for their immutable "whiteness."

Senior Leaders:

"Defense Secretary Backs Changes to Military Law on Sexual Assault"

The New York Times, June 23, Jennifer Steinhauer

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/23/us/politics/lloyd-austin-military-law-sexual-assault.html>

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III formally endorsed changes on Wednesday to the way the military handles sexual assault cases, a sharp retreat from years of opposition by prior secretaries on the issue.

The changes, which were recommended by a Pentagon commission convened by Mr. Austin, do not go as far as a bill that Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Wednesday that she intended to put on the floor soon. That legislation would take decisions about prosecuting all serious crimes committed in the military — not just sexual assaults — from the hands of commanders.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Democrat of New York, has pushed a similar bill for nearly a decade, but she has faced resistance from the chairman and top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"As you know, my first directive as secretary of defense, issued on my first full day in the office, was to service leadership about sexual assault," said Mr. Austin, who appeared before

the House Armed Services Committee with Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“Pentagon chiefs insist flat defense budget is enough”

Military Times, June 23, Joe Gould

<https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2021/06/23/bidens-pentagon-chiefs-tell-lawmakers-flat-budget-is-enough/>

Top defense officials have completed multiple trips to Capitol Hill to defend President Joe Biden’s flat defense budget request, and now the task of tailoring that request falls to Congress.

The Biden administration sent Congress a fiscal 2022 budget request that seeks \$715 billion for defense, which some progressives say is too much and lead Republicans say is too little. In their last appearance of the budget season, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley told the House Armed Services Committee the request is just right.

“I think that this budget provides us flexibility in granting the capabilities we need to support the operational concepts that will allow us to be not only competitive against any near peer, but actually dominant in that battlespace,” Austin said.

US Army:

“US Army scientists warn worse pandemics are coming soon”

The Hill, June 23, Adam Barnes

<https://thehill.com/changing-america/well-being/prevention-cures/559796-us-army-scientists-warn-worse-pandemics-are>

Scientists studying coronavirus vaccines at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research are warning that the pandemic could be followed by an even larger and potentially deadly viral outbreak.

Speaking at the Defense One 2021 Tech Summit on Monday, Kayvon Modjarrad, director of Walter Reed’s infectious diseases branch, argued that the probability of this generation encountering another pandemic “is high,” Defense One reported.

“We have seen the acceleration of these pathogens and the epidemics that they precipitate. And it may not be a coronavirus, this may not be the big one,” Modjarrad said, according to the outlet. “There may be something that’s more transmissible and more deadly ahead of us.”

“We have to think more broadly, not just about COVID-19, not just about coronavirus, but all emerging infectious threats coming into the future,” Modjarrad continued.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“SECDEF wants you to know that supporting Donald Trump isn’t extremism”

Military Times, June 23, Meghann Myers

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/06/23/secdef-wants-you-to-know-that-supporting-donald-trump-isnt-extremism/>

The Defense Department has been having a rough time communicating about its efforts to root out extremism. Despite numerous public statements, there are still some who see the entire endeavor as a thinly shrouded attempt to punish politically conservative troops.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin reiterated that politics are not the issue on Wednesday, during testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, when Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo., asked him whether supporting former President Donald Trump would be considered “extreme.”

“I said earlier, this is not about politics,” Austin told Hartzler. “I want our troops to, to participate in our political system. I will also say that we will continue to be a diverse — a diverse and inclusive organization. And that’s what the United States military is all about.”

Austin demurred earlier in the exchange, when she asked him whether the Pentagon had nailed down a definition of extremism.

Admissions:

“Oskey girl selected to attend United States Military Academy”

The Osakloosa Herald, June 23, Sarah Stortz

https://www.oskaloosa.com/iowa/oskey-girl-selected-to-attend-united-states-military-academy/article_628fc7c2-d44e-11eb-a0b2-43360882af98.html

OSKALOOSA — When Sophia Dykstra figured out she was accepted into the United States Military Academy in March, she set a milestone in becoming the first girl from Oskaloosa to attend the prestigious school.

The recent high school graduate will soon move to New York and immerse herself in a boot camp. However, Dykstra said the school wasn’t on her radar at the beginning of the school year.

It wasn’t until one of her coaches brought the idea of looking into the school, more commonly known as West Point.

“I didn’t really realize how significant it was until my dad started telling me how significant it really was,” Dykstra said. “After that, I was like, ‘might as well kind of look into that option and see where it goes.’”

Dykstra submitted her application in December. Later in the same month, Sen. Joni Ernst released a list of Iowans she nominated to attend various U.S. Service Academies, with Dykstra listed among them.

Dean:

“When Defense Secretary Austin tried to call his Chinese counterpart, here’s what really got in the way”

The Washington Post, June 24, Tom Fox (Op-Ed)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/06/24/when-defense-secretary-austin-tried-call-his-chinese-counterpart-heres-what-really-got-way/>

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin was having trouble scheduling a call with China last month. According to media reports, the Biden administration sought direct talks between Austin and his Chinese counterpart to help dampen the tension in the Indo-Pacific region. The Chinese military “has not been responsive,” according to one U.S. defense official.

China denied the radio silence — a report in the Global Times claimed Austin was seeking dialogue with the wrong person, quoting a Ministry of National Defense official who called the Pentagon’s request “unprofessional and unfriendly.” The Global Times, a state-owned paper run by the People’s Daily, is well known as a hawkish mouthpiece for unofficial views of the Chinese Communist Party.

This bilateral impasse in military-military dialogue is more than a simple miscommunication. Both sides have long struggled to maintain ties between the two militaries. Significant differences in civilian-military relations in each country mean that the U.S. and China have entirely different takes on who should be talking to whom. Moving bilateral discussions forward requires that each side understands how civilian and military institutions are organized.

Tom Fox is an assistant professor of international affairs in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an active-duty Army aviation officer.

“Alumnus Brandon Thompson receives prestigious Briggs Dissertation Award”

Virginia Tech, June 23, Linda Hazelwood

<https://vtx.vt.edu/articles/2021/06/eng-thompson-briggs-dissertation-award.html>

Col. Brandon Thompson has won the nationally competitive and prestigious Briggs Dissertation Award for his dissertation, “Development and Human Factors Evaluation of a Portable Auditory Localization Acclimation Training System.”

Sponsored by Division 21 of the American Psychological Association, the award is presented annually to the most distinguished dissertation in the field of applied experimental and engineering psychology.

Thompson, who is from Jacksonville, Florida, is currently serving in the U.S. Army as an assistant professor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He received his Ph.D. in May 2020 from the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering with a concentration in human factors engineering.

His dissertation covered an evolving area of engineering psychology known as auditory situation awareness, with emphasis on the measurement and training of humans’ ability to detect and localize sounds in their vicinity, both with the innate sense of natural, unoccluded hearing, and under the use of hearing protection and headsets.

“Indra Nooyi: Women are ‘one of the biggest emerging-market opportunities’ for corporate America”

Fortune, June 23, Jessica Mathews

<https://fortune.com/2021/06/23/indra-nooyi-women-c-suite-corporate-america/>

Indra Nooyi, one of the most powerful women in business over the past two decades, has a

message for U.S. corporations: The C-suite pipeline is broken.

Despite the fact that 70% of high school valedictorians and more than 50% of college graduates are women, only 7% of CEOs are, the former PepsiCo chairperson and CEO said at Fortune's Most Powerful Women Next Gen virtual conference. And only 2% of venture capital money goes to women, she added.

"One of the biggest emerging-market opportunities we have in the U.S. is women," Nooyi said. She added later, "All of us have to worry about why the pipeline is broken beyond the entry level."

Since retiring from PepsiCo, Nooyi said life has only gotten busier. She is currently serving on Amazon's board of directors and the board of Amsterdam-based health-tech company Royal Philips, and she teaches at U.S. Military Academy West Point. She has a memoir coming out in September.

USCC:

"Lambert graduates from West Point, formally sworn in"

The Post Searchlight, June 23, Jill Holloway

<https://www.thepostsearchlight.com/2021/06/23/lambert-graduates-from-west-point-formally-sworn-in/>

Nathaniel D. Lambert was born and raised in Bainbridge, attending the First United Methodist Church and graduating from BHS in 2017. On July 1, 2017, he was sworn in as a Cadet at the US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Lambert is a 4th generation West Point graduate. His great-grandfather LTC Dwight Harvey, PeeWee Lambert's father, was a 1925 West Point graduate. His paternal grandfather, Brigadier General Wayne Lambert Sr. (USAF retired), was a 1959 West Point graduate. Both of his parents, parents, Dorinda Cox and Wayne Lambert, Jr., are 1984 West Point graduates. All three of the Lambert boys were appointed to West Point by the elected US Representative from Georgia's 2nd Congressional District. JL Pilcher appointed Lambert Sr, Dawson Mathis appointed Lambert Jr., and Sanford Bishop appointed Lambert.

Sports:

COVID:

"Military ends active-duty COVID vaccination support, but Guard effort endures"

Military Times, June 23, Davis Winkie

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/06/23/military-ends-active-duty-covid-vaccination-support-but-guard-effort-endures/>

Tuesday was the final day for the last active-duty troops tasked with assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency's COVID-19 mass vaccination sites — but the National Guard's efforts continue.

At the mission's peak, around 5,150 active-duty troops from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force were working at the FEMA vaccination centers, according to a press release from U.S. Army North. The troops administered approximately 5 million vaccines since Feb.

4, when Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin first authorized active-duty vaccination support for civilian authorities.

Before they turned off the lights Tuesday, 45 Air Force personnel at a site in Newark, New Jersey, were all that remained amid a nationwide drop in demand for the vaccine.

Two Army leaders who ran one of the FEMA sites reflected on their experiences in a Wednesday media roundtable.

Alumni:

“Change of command at Great Lakes and Ohio USACE division”

Marine Log, June 23

<https://www.marinelog.com/inland-coastal/inland/change-of-command-at-great-lakes-and-ohio-usace-division/>

Col. Kimberly A. Peeples took command of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during a June 11 ceremony in Cincinnati presided over by Lt. Gen. Scott A. Spellmon, 55th chief of engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Peeples, who previously served as commander for the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and Fort McNair located in Arlington, Va., assumed command from Maj. Gen. Robert F. Whittle Jr. Whittle is slated to become the next deputy commanding general of U.S. Army North located in San Antonio, Texas.

Peeples, a native of Akron, Ohio, graduated from the U.S. Army Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and was commissioned into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1994. She holds a master's degree in Construction Management from the University of Washington in Seattle and a master's degree from the U.S. Army War College in Strategic Studies.

“Garrison welcomes new commander”

Fort Leavenworth Lamp, June 24, Katie Peterson

<https://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/community/2021/06/24/garrison-welcomes-new-commander/>

Col. Harry Hung relinquished command of the Fort Leavenworth Garrison to Col. John Misenheimer Jr. in a ceremony June 22 at the Frontier Conference Center.

“Command is a team sport. The change of command underscores two complementary dimensions — continuity and change,” said Vincent Grewatz, Installation Management Command – Training director. “Today we celebrate a change of Garrison leadership even as the soldiers and civilians of this team remain fully engaged, supporting training, providing protection, enabling readiness and caring for this community.”

Misenheimer graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., in 2000 and commissioned into the Army as an Adjutant General officer.

“This Is a Window of Opportunity.’ Ret. General Vincent K. Brooks on Why Things Might Be Moving Again With North Korea”

Time, June 24, Charlie Campbell

<https://time.com/6074274/biden-kim-north-korea-vincent-brooks/>

Last month, U.S. President Joe Biden hosted his South Korean counterpart, Moon Jae-in, at the White House. The allies agreed on a raft of deals covering COVID-19 vaccine deployment and hi-tech investment, and emphasized “their shared commitment to the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”

On June 17, North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un responded. According to the state-run Korean Central News Agency, following “a detailed analysis” of Biden’s North Korea Policy Review, Kim told a meeting of the ruling Workers’ Party to “get prepared for both dialogue and confrontation, especially ... confrontation.”

Few know the intricacies of the North Korean problem better than General Vincent K. Brooks, who retired from active duty in January 2019 as a four-star general in command of over 600,000 Koreans and Americans comprising the U.S. Forces Korea, U.N. Command and ROK-U.S. Combined Forces. He also previously served as commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific.

Other:

“Naval Academy midshipman dies while on leave”

Navy Times, June 23, Geoff Ziezulwicz

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2021/06/23/naval-academy-midshipman-dies-while-on-leave/>

A U.S. Naval Academy midshipman died Tuesday night while on leave, the school announced.

The academy stated Wednesday that the midshipman’s identity was being withheld pending next-of-kin notification and that the cause of death was being investigated.

“The Naval Academy is supporting the midshipman’s family, friends and loved ones during this time of grief,” the press release states. “Counseling services and support are available to midshipmen, faculty, staff and coaches.”

The death comes as the academy prepares to welcome 1,200 members of the Class of 2025 during their assigned Induction Day at the end of June.

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-Army Transgender Public Affairs Guidance and Directive memorandum attached.

DOD:

28-29 JUN: GEN Michael Garrett, CG of FORSCOM; LTG James Rainey, CG of the Combined Arms Center; LTG Robert Marion, principal military deputy for the ASA ALT and others will speak at the 2021 Defence IQ International Armored Vehicles USA conference.

28 JUN: LTG Donnie Walker, DCG of AMC, will give keynote remarks at the Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial and accept the proclamation declaring the community's Armed Forces Celebration observance. (Local media)

29 JUN: Secretary Christine Wormuth and CSA GEN James McConville will testify at a hearing before the HASC on Army posture and the FY22 Army budget.

Leading News:

"Air Force Academy welcomes more than 1,100 incoming freshmen: 'for the next six weeks you're mine'"

The Gazette, June 24, David Bitton

https://gazette.com/military/air-force-academy-welcomes-the-class-of-2025/article_ff40aca2-d521-11eb-b1b6-076544e27a36.html

More than 1,100 incoming freshmen arrived at the Air Force Academy Thursday for six weeks of basic training before officially becoming cadets.

And for the second consecutive year, COVID-19 has forced significant changes in how the appointees move through their in-processing day. Appointees were given a mask right after saying goodbye to loved ones in a vehicle drop-off line, provided a squirt of hand sanitizer when entering buildings and told to social distance when possible.

The first group of 51 appointees raised their right hands and took the Oath of Office to "support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic," becoming basic cadets. Senior leadership including the dean of faculty, athletic director, commandant of cadets and the superintendent introduced themselves.

Senior Leaders:

"Pentagon punches back against GOP culture wars"

The Hill, June 25, Rebecca Kheel

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/560173-pentagon-punches-back-against-gop-culture-wars>

Republicans are increasingly pulling the military into their culture wars -- and the military is increasingly hitting back.

The latest clash came at a House hearing this week when a pair of Republicans questioned Pentagon leaders on whether critical race theory was being taught in the military, prompting an impassioned speech from the nation's top general on the importance of being well read and his desire to understand where "white rage" comes from.

The speech only elicited more howls from conservatives that the military has been lost to "woke" ideology.

"DoD Quietly Calls for Shutdown of 70-Year-Old Committee on Women in the Military"

Military.com, June 24, Hope Hodge Seck

[DoD Quietly Calls for Shutdown of 70-Year-Old Committee on Women in the Military |](#)

In January of this year, the Pentagon quietly demanded the resignations of the 21 volunteer members of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, a roster that included eight retired generals and admirals. The ink was barely dry on the committee's 70-year historical review, a 58-page document that described how DACOWITS had advocated on behalf of military women since 1951 on issues ranging from their right to fly fighter jets and serve in combat to the fit of body armor and online harassment.

The committee's hollowing out was part of a sweeping move by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to dissolve all 42 DoD advisory committees pending a cost and efficiency review. The Defense Business Board, which had been populated with those loyal to Donald Trump in the final throes of his presidency, got the most attention in this move.

"Military sexual assault debate broadens to tackle racial inequities"

Roll Call, June 24, John M. Donnelly

<https://www.rollcall.com/2021/06/24/military-sexual-assault-debate-broadens-to-tackle-racial-inequities/>

The debate over the military's handling of sexual assault cases has broadened and now takes on questions about racial justice, according to lawmakers who are pushing to change the armed forces legal system.

Majorities in both chambers now favor passing a law to establish professional legal teams in the armed services that would decide which felony allegations should go to courts-martial — decisions that are now made by generals and admirals who mostly lack legal training.

The debate in Congress now turns on whether such military courts-martial officers — which appear likely to be created by law soon — should cover prosecution decisions on all felonies that are not military-unique, such as desertion, or just sexual felonies and related offenses such as domestic abuse.

Pentagon leaders made clear this week they favor limiting the change to just sexual crimes and related offenses. But a supermajority in the Senate and seemingly a majority of the House want to change the system for all major crimes.

According to official government reports, Black members of most of the military services are twice as likely to be charged with the same crime as their white comrades.

It is this apparent bias that members hope a revamped military justice system will fix. Dealing with it has been a virtually unnoticed part of the military sexual assault debate up to now, but it is fast becoming a central part of the case that lawmakers are making for change.

US Army:

“Army staff sergeant will make history when she boxes for Team USA at Tokyo Olympics”

Stars and Stripes, June 25, Seth Robson

[Army staff sergeant will make history when she boxes for Team USA at Tokyo Olympics](#)

Army Staff Sgt. Naomi Graham’s jab is the boxing equivalent of a Hellfire missile launched from attack helicopter at a distant opponent.

The 32-year-old ammunition specialist from Fayetteville, N.C., is one of the United States’ best hopes for a medal at the Tokyo Olympics, which kick off July 23. Graham will be the first female active-duty U.S. service member to box for gold, according to Team USA.

Ranked No. 1 among U.S. middleweights and eighth in the world, Graham has steadily climbed the international ladder, taking fifth at the 2016 World Boxing Championships before moving up to third in 2018. In 2019, she won gold at the Pan American Games.

“Army plans to start FY-22 under continuing resolution”

Inside Defense, June 24, Ethan Sterenfeld

<https://insidedefense.com/daily-news/army-plans-start-fy-22-under-continuing-resolution>

The Army expects that Congress will not pass an appropriations bill before the start of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, and that there will instead be a continuing resolution, the director of the Army budget said June 24.

"We do expect to start fiscal year 2022 under a continuing resolution authority," Maj. Gen. Paul Chamberlain said at an event hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army. "The earliest a bill would be enacted is probably December."

The Army has often entered the fiscal year under a continuing resolution in recent years, and some programs now take that into account when they schedule milestones and new starts, said Col. Chris Schneider, the deputy for acquisition and systems management for the Army acquisition executive. Yet working under a continuing resolution is still a challenge.

Continuing resolutions "always make it difficult in terms of execution," Schneider said. "Frankly, we've gotten used to this."

Diversity & Inclusion:

“This is the Army’s updated policy for transgender soldiers”

Task and Purpose, June 24, Haley Britzky

<https://taskandpurpose.com/news/army-policy-transgender-soldiers/>

Transgender individuals are once again welcome to serve in the U.S. Army, and do so in their self-identified gender, the Army announced on Thursday.

“A soldier’s gender identity will no longer be a basis for involuntary separation or military discharge, denied reenlistment or continuation of service, or subjected to adverse action or mistreatment,” according to a press release from the service.

The new policy directive states that military medical providers “will diagnose and provide medically necessary care and treatment for transgender soldiers,” and that if a soldier receives a diagnosis “that gender transition is medically necessary,” they will be provided that care. It also says individuals must meet a requirement of 18 months of stability in their self-identified gender, and they will be able to serve in their self-identified gender. The update is a reversal of previous guidance from former President Donald Trump’s administration, which said individuals were disqualified from the military unless they had been stable for 36 months and hadn’t yet medically transitioned to a new gender.

Army Maj. Gen. Douglas Stitt, the director of the Army’s personnel management office, said that the new policy reinstates rules that existed in 2016, and gives the Army the “ability to look at a soldier, individually, with a commander, a medical provider, and ... say okay, how can we support you once you come forward and say, ‘I have a diagnosis from a military medical provider that says I have gender dysphoria.’”

“US Troops on Base Less Likely to Seek Extremist Content Than Americans in General, Study Finds”

Defense One, June 24, Jacqueline Feldscher

<https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2021/06/us-troops-base-less-likely-seek-extremist-content-americans-general-study-finds/174949/>

The Defense Department will soon know which bases and branches have the most troops looking for domestic violent extremist content. The next step is figuring out how to stop it.

The data is expected to arrive in about three weeks in a report from the U.S. Military Academy and Moonshot, a startup founded in 2015 to spot people searching online for violent extremist information and direct them to helpful resources instead.

Moonshot founder Vidhya Ramalingam declined to detail the findings in the report. But she said the data suggest that active duty troops are less prone than the American public as a whole to seek out information about violent extremism.

“When we look at bases for each branch as compared to national averages, there is disproportionately low engagement on most bases,” Ramalingam said. “Some branches have higher levels of engagement with anti-Black extremism or anti-Semitic conspiracy theories...But we’re not seeing really heightened levels of engagement that are incredibly worrying.”

Admissions:

“Hillsborough Graduate Appointed To West Point Military Academy”

Patch.com, June 24, Alexis Tarrazi

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/hillsborough/hillsborough-graduate-appointed-west-point->

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HILLSBOROUGH, NJ — Hillsborough High School graduate Adam Gottlieb was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Gottlieb was among 15 students from New Jersey's 7th Congressional District who have been appointed to one of the United States Service Academies for the upcoming fall semester.

Congressman Tom Malinowski was able to nominate 40 qualified candidates from the district to the United States Airforce Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Military Academy at West Point and Naval Academy.

“Pella’s Schmitz Heads To West Point”

KNIA-KRLS, June 25, Andrew Schneider

<https://www.kniakrls.com/2021/06/25/pellas-schmitz-heads-to-west-point/>

A Pella High School Class of 2021 graduate is off to participate in one of the country’s elite Military Academies. Tony Schmitz was sent off to West Point to begin his training and education. Schmitz initially enlisted through the Iowa Army National Guard through Sgt. Matt Trout, but the recruitment officer said Tony had even higher goals.

Click here to listen to a Let’s Talk Pella interview with Schmitz from his signing day in April.

Schmitz signed to West Point officially in April. He was a standout member of the Class of 2021, as an Academic All-State and Elite All-State member of the State Track and Field Champions this past spring, and a member of the Marching Dutch.

“Class of 2021: Following in her parents’ footsteps, BH-BL’s Choi will attend West Point”

The Daily Gazette, June 24, Geraldine Freeman

<https://dailygazette.com/2021/06/24/class-of-2021-following-in-her-parents-footsteps-bh-bls-choi-will-attend-west-point/>

A life of service beckons Micaela Choi, a senior at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School. She’ll be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point and following in her parents’ footsteps — both of whom attended the Academy.

“I’ve been just so inspired by my parents,” Choi said. “But it was my own decision. My parents supported me every step of the way.”

During their time in service, which was right after the 9/11 attack, they deployed to the Middle East: her mother was in intelligence; her father was a finance officer. After five years they retired as captains. Her father was recalled later to the Army Reserves. But Choi’s grandparents also did military duty either in the Vietnam War or the Korean Conflict.

“The family is close to the military. I’ve learned how impactful the military has been,” she said.

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“Class of 2025 to enter West Point”

Mid-Hudson News, June 25

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2021/06/25/class-of-2025-to-enter-west-point-2/>

WEST POINT – The U.S. Military Academy will welcome more than 1,225 candidates from every state in the nation over three days from June 26-28.

Reception Day will be staggered to accommodate public health guidelines and incorporate nonpharmaceutical interventions to safeguard the health and welfare of all cadet candidates, families, and community members.

The days mark the beginning of Cadet Basic Training and the first day of their transition from civilian to new cadet as a member of the Class of 2025.

“A chance to say ‘Thanks’”

My Guidon, June 24, Brian Hill

<https://www.myguidon.com/a-chance-to-say-thanks/>

West Point grad comes home to Fort Leonard Wood for commissioning ceremony.

Steven Berrios’ commissioning ceremony June 16 was a low-key affair for family and friends at the Military Police Museum Regimental Room. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point last month, Berrios wanted to provide an opportunity for his loved ones to share in such a big moment in his life — he also wanted to make sure his Waynesville High School Junior ROTC mentors received the credit they deserve.

I just wanted to personally thank those who got me to West Point — they shaped me to become the leader I am and will be,” Berrios said, after he and retired Col. Charles Williams, senior instructor for Waynesville’s JROTC program, recited the Commissioned Officer Oath. Williams and retired MP Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. James Barrett each wrote letters of recommendation to West Point on Berrios’ behalf.

Sports:

“Mayor’s daughter — a precision shooter and future diplomat — just got into West Point”

Taunton Daily Gazette, June 25, Susannah Sudborough

<https://www.tauntongazette.com/story/news/education/2021/06/25/ashton-oconnell-military-academy-west-point-shooting-rifles-taunton/5310970001/>

TAUNTON — Ashton O’Connell, daughter of Mayor Shaunna O’Connell, is Taunton born and raised, but her aspirations lie far from home.

Soon, 18-year-old O’Connell will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point — one of the most prestigious military academies in the world.

At the school, she said, she hopes to study international relations and pursue a career in diplomacy.

Though O’Connell wants to serve around the world, it’s been her experiences here in Taunton

that have led her to strive for such great heights.

O'Connell just graduated from Taunton High School, having participated in extracurriculars like DECA and Latin Club.

But her real passion during the last few years has been competing in precision shooting.

O'Connell said her interest in shooting began when she was 12 when her father took her out to the local Taunton shooting range to teach her gun safety and shoot for fun. The Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club's junior team happened to be shooting that day, and they invited her to try out for the team, and she discovered she loved it.

COVID:

“New York’s COVID State Of Emergency Over, But City Officials Caution Unvaccinated People”

CBS 2 NY, June 24, John Dias

<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2021/06/24/ny-covid-state-of-emergency-ends/>

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — New York’s COVID state of emergency came to an end Thursday.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo says it is time to start a new chapter, but some city leaders are cautioning those who are not vaccinated.

Every NYC Resident Now Eligible For In-Home COVID Vaccine, De Blasio Says
It was a long 15 months since the state of emergency was issued back in March 2020.

“People need to kind of start getting back out and getting back into their normal days of life,” Harlem resident Kyle Bonner told CBS2’s John Dias.

Most COVID restrictions were lifted statewide when New York reached a 70% partial vaccination rate last week. This is now the icing on the cake for those fully inoculated.

“Nearly all COVID deaths in U.S. are now among unvaccinated”

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, June 24

<https://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/nearly-all-covid-deaths-in-us-are-now-among-unvaccinated/TONUCPUEKFA2ZI7GMMB3E3ZSFA/>

Nearly all COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. now are in people who weren’t vaccinated, a staggering demonstration of how effective the shots have been and an indication that deaths per day — now down to under 300 — could be practically zero if everyone eligible got the vaccine.

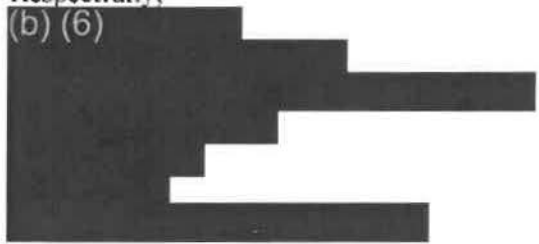
An Associated Press analysis of available government data from May shows that “breakthrough” infections in fully vaccinated people accounted for fewer than 1,200 of more than 853,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations. That’s about 0.1%.

And only about 150 of the more than 18,000 COVID-19 deaths in May were in fully vaccinated people. That translates to about 0.8%, or five deaths per day on average.

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Leading News:

"What Critics of the "Woke" Army Don't Understand"

Slate, June 28, Fred Kaplan

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/06/military-woke-critical-race-theory-milley.html>

The Army has recently come under attack by congressional Republicans for committing the crime of being too "woke." The prosecution's exhibit A, waved at a House hearing last week, is a course taught at West Point—the Army's military academy—called "The Politics of Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality." Also noted, in ominous tones, was a recent daylong stand-down of all Army personnel to discuss white supremacy and extremism within the ranks.

Is this, critics on Capitol Hill and Fox News have asked, what our fighting men and women should be thinking about? If they're taught about racial disparities, won't they cease to regard one another as equals on the battlefield?

Here are some important facts to keep in mind. First, West Point has had a social science department since just after World War II, when senior Army officers realized that military leaders would have to know more about politics, society, and history to function in an expansive, democratic America. Requiring cadets to take some social sciences courses, and even creating a "Sosh" major, did not detract from their military drills and training.

"Cameron Kinley Asks President Biden for Help After US Navy Denies NFL Pursuit"

Bleacher Report, June 27, Mike Chiari

<https://bleacherreport.com/articles/10006577-cameron-kinley-asks-president-biden-for-help-after-us-navy-denies-nfl-pursuit>

Former Navy cornerback Cameron Kinley appealed to President Joe Biden on Saturday for help in chasing his NFL dream.

Kinley signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent, but the U.S. Military has denied his request to delay his service until after he plays in the NFL.

In an interview with TMZ Sports, Kinley asked for help from the highest office in the United States:

"President Biden, first off thank you for all that you do. I have a lot of respect for you, for anybody who's willing to lead our country.

"... I'm just asking that you consider helping me with this situation that I'm currently in and allowing me to delay my commission so that I can go play in the NFL and then serve my commitment whenever I get done playing."

Senior Leaders:

"Tucker Carlson calls Joint Chiefs chairman a 'pig,' 'stupid'"

The Hill, June 25, Caroline Vakil

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/560209-tucker-carlson-lashes-out-at-milley-not-just-a-pig-hes-stupid>

Fox News host Tucker Carlson sharply criticized the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Thursday, calling him a "pig" and "stupid" and saying he got his job because he was obsequious and told his superiors what they wanted to hear.

The stark remarks came a day after Gen. Mark Milley offered a defense of reading about critical race theory in the military. Carlson has been a staunch critic of critical race theory, an area of academia that examines the intersection of race and law.

After playing a segment of Milley's remarks to a House panel on Wednesday in which he defended reading a wide range of ideas, from Karl Marx on communism to critical race theory, Carlson laughed and said, "He's not just a pig, he's stupid."

"Trump calls Joint Chiefs chairman 'pathetic' for comments on racism education"

Air Force Times, June 25, Leo Shane III

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/06/25/trump-calls-joint-chiefs-chairman-pathetic-for-comments-on-racism-education/>

Former President Donald Trump on Friday bashed military leaders' recent statements on the need to study racial strife as "pathetic" and said he would have fired them for such talk during his time in office.

During an interview on Newsmax, Trump was asked about the introduction of "critical race theory" in workplaces and schools. He quickly shifted the discussion to Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley, who earlier this week offered an impassioned defense of the topic during a House Armed Services Committee hearing.

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“The Challenge Of Educating The Military On Cyber Strategy”

War on the Rocks, June 25, Erica Borghard, Mark Montgomery, And Brandon Valeriano(Op-Ed)

<https://warontherocks.com/2021/06/the-challenge-of-educating-the-military-on-cyber-strategy/>

Malicious cyber activity is ranked by some as the primary threat to international security. The strategic implications of cyberspace are particularly salient in the military context. From an offensive perspective, the military has developed concepts for the use of cyber capabilities as an independent instrument of military power, as well as their use as part of shaping activities to enable conventional operations on the battlefield. From a defensive perspective, the U.S. Department of Defense is as vulnerable to cyber threats to its networks and critical warfighting capabilities as the rest of U.S. society, if not more so. Yet there are significant gaps in how the military educates the officer corps as a community about the nature and practice of cyber strategy and operations.

The professional military education system faces several challenges in how it teaches future leaders practicing the profession of arms in the cyber domain. Cyber strategy programs are inconsistent across the services, are often under threat of funding cuts, and can be altered capriciously in the absence of clear guidance on what needs to be taught. Moreover, some core professors in the cyber security field have limited practical experience, while others have limited academic background in teaching cyber strategy. Military reading curriculums more often feature fictional takes on cyber security than rigorous empirical accounts of the domain. War colleges and service schools have significant room to improve how they educate the officer corps to understand the cyber and information environment, including the core concepts and legal authorities critical to the domain.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“It's Always a Long Game': Inside Kirsten Gillibrand's Campaign to Overhaul Military Justice”

Military.com, June 27, Steve Beynon

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/27/its-always-long-game-inside-kirsten-gillibrands-campaign-overhaul-military-justice.html>

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has a large whiteboard in her office displaying the name of every U.S. senator and whether they support the Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act, a bill that would shift the decision to prosecute rape, sexual assault and many other felonies from the chain of command to actual prosecutors.

The New York Democrat originally introduced the effort in 2013, but it failed to gain significant traction. She faced an uphill battle against the Pentagon and even her own party to remove commanders, who often have little to no legal training, from legal decisions. She largely credits a 2012 documentary on sex crimes in the military and the retaliation survivors face as her original inspiration in launching the effort.

"One of my constituents handed me a copy of 'The Invisible War.' [It had] these stories about sexual violence and being retaliated against; I was outraged. That's what propelled me to ask to be on the personnel committee and be the chair when I had a choice of which subcommittee

I wanted to chair. ... I've met survivors at Fort Drum [New York] and across the country; each story fuels my fire."

Admissions:

"Summit's Austin Groce Among Fifteen Class of '21 Service Academy Appointees Saluted by Congressman Malinowski"

TAPinto Summit, June 27

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/summit/sections/in-the-schools/articles/summit-s-austin-groce-among-fifteen-class-of-21-service-academy-appointees-saluted-by-congressman-malinowski>

SOMERVILLE, NJ - Summit High School Class of 2021 graduate Austin Groce is among 15 students from New Jersey's 7th Congressional District who have been appointed to United States Service Academies for the upcoming fall semester.

Groce will attend the Military Academy at West Point and play lacrosse, joining Summit High School Class of 2019ers Deacon Donaldson and Jackson Tyler on the Black Knights roster.

Representative Tom Malinowski (NJ-07) nominated 40 qualified students from the district to the United States Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Military Academy at West Point and Naval Academy. Out of those 40 nominations, seven students were admitted to West Point, four to the Merchant Marine Academy, two to the Naval Academy and two to the Air Force Academy.

Sports:

"Army assistant golf coach Daniel DeLuca to practice what he preaches"

Times Herald-Record, June 28, Ken McMillan

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/06/27/daniel-deluca-army-assistant-golf-coach-plays-amateur-tournaments-metropolitan-golf-association/5366297001/>

WEST POINT – Daniel DeLuca believes he had better keep his golf game in shape if he's going to teach others how to do it.

DeLuca just completed his second year as assistant coach of the Army men's golf team. He was an accomplished player in high school and college in Kentucky – oftentimes competing against PGA pro Justin Thomas – and has been coaching at the collegiate level for the past five years.

Now that the summer months have arrived, DeLuca finds time to compete in top amateur events in the region, to keep his game sharp.

On Monday, DeLuca is one of eight Mid Hudson golfers entered in the Metropolitan Golf Association's Ike Championships, a premier stroke-play amateur event contested since 1953. The Bridge, in Bridgehampton, hosts 18 holes on Monday, and those who survive the cut move on to 36 holes on Tuesday.

This will be DeLuca's second entry in the Ike. Last year, at the Country Club of Darien (Conn.), he carded a 6-over-par 77, missing the cut by three strokes.

COVID:

“NY COVID-19 Hospitalizations Drop to All-Time Pandemic Low”

NBC News, June 27

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/coronavirus/cuomo-ny-hospitalizations-drop-to-lowest-level-since-covid-19-pandemic-began/3127335/>

The number of people hospitalized for COVID-19 in New York has dropped to an all-time pandemic low, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced over the weekend.

Hospitalizations, a key metric watched by state health officials in tracking the spread of the virus, have been on a steady decline since the introduction of federally approved vaccines.

New York reported a record-low number of hospitalizations on Sunday of 330, a 41-patient decline from the record-low set the day before. Previously, no fewer than 410 COVID patients had been hospitalized statewide since that metric started to be reported daily. Fewer than 90 of those patients are in intensive care.

"The vaccine is the weapon that will win us the war against the COVID-19 beast. It is safe, effective, free and readily available to New Yorkers across the state," Cuomo said in a statement Sunday. "Now is the time to do so and get back to living life the way it's intended to be lived -- fully and together."

“General urges people to get vaccinated to protect soldiers”

The Associated Press, June 26

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/article252389198.html>

Fort Benning's commanding general is urging more people to get vaccinated against COVID-19, saying it's crucial to protecting the soldiers on the sprawling Georgia army post.

The Ledger-Enquirer reports that Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahoe told the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce on Friday that vaccine numbers could determine how much freedom soldiers have to visit businesses off the base.

"We encourage everyone who is going to interact with a soldier to be vaccinated," Donahoe said, adding that trainees living in large open barracks are in a "hot house for any kind of contagious disease."

Donahoe took command at Benning a year ago. He tightened restrictions for soldiers and civilian workers. Earlier this month he loosened rules to say fully vaccinated people can go maskless with the exception of medical facilities and certain gyms. Graduation ceremonies are open, but visitors must show proof they're fully vaccinated or have tested negative for COVID-19 in the last 72 hours.

"I encourage every one of you to do the research. Don't follow the tinfoil-hat club that's somewhere online," Donahoe said, calling the vaccines "incredibly safe."

Donahoe said Columbus' vaccination rates are too low. Only 29% of the city-county's residents are fully vaccinated, while that number is 33% statewide.

“We need to get our population to about 70% vaccinated to give us the immunity we need as a community,” he said. “There’s an economic impact to that because that’s one of the indicators we’re looking at to allow our soldiers to go downtown during their cycle breaks from our training.”

Alumni:

“Soldier continues legacy of family service”

El Paso Herald-Post, June 25

<https://elpasoheraldpost.com/soldier-continues-legacy-of-family-service/>

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL. – According to the Pew Research Center, nearly 80 percent of veterans have an immediate family member who served in the military, showing that most veterans leave a legacy of service to their families.

1st Lt. Bradley Cho, a platoon leader at Company B, 2-501 General Support Aviation Battalion, at Fort Bliss, Texas, comes from such a family. Cho’s father, retired Brig. Gen. John M. Cho, served for 32 years in the U.S. Army and was the first active duty Korean American to become a general; his uncle and brother are currently serving; his maternal grandfather served in the U.S. Air Force and great-uncle served in the U.S. Army; and his paternal grandfather served for the Republic of Korea during the Korean War before immigrating to the United States.

“Their service means everything to me,” Cho said. “I have always wanted to serve my nation in some capacity. At a young age I wanted to serve in the Peace Corps, but as I got older and learned more about the military, I decided to go this route instead. Everyone in my family volunteered to serve this great country, and I couldn’t be more proud to be a part of the team.”

Cho, who graduated from the United States Military Academy in 2020, said he chose to attend the school for the opportunities it provided and the leader and character development it offered. The bonus to attending was that was where he met Lauren Karbler, his future wife, who also comes from a family that serves.

In July 2020, right after graduating from West Point, the two married becoming a dual-military family, just like Karbler’s own parents. Karbler is a second lieutenant serving in Army Central Command; the couple has only been able to spend a few weeks together as newlyweds.

“Being a dual military family makes things busy, but at the same time enjoyable,” Cho said. “It is very easy to understand each other’s work because we both work for the same team.”

“2021 MBAs To Watch: Matthew Manriquez, Rice University”

Poets & Quants, June 27, Jeff Schmitt

<https://poetsandquants.com/2021/06/27/2021-mbas-to-watch-matthew-manriquez-rice-university-jones/?pq-category=students>

Matthew Manriquez

Rice University, Jones Graduate School of Business

“Seeking a positive difference everywhere I go, never too busy to help those in need.”

Hometown: Houston, TX

Fun fact about yourself: Houston runs deep in my veins. I am a 5th generation Houstonian on both sides of my family!

Undergraduate School and Degree: United States Military Academy at West Point; Bachelor of Science, Systems Engineering with honors

Where was the last place you worked before enrolling in business school? United States Army – Combat Engineer Officer

Other:

“Air Force Academy Cadet Dies in Texas Plane Crash”

Military.com, June 25 Oriana Pawlyk

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/25/air-force-academy-cadet-dies-texas-plane-crash.html>

A U.S. Air Force Academy cadet has died in an aircraft accident in Texas, the school announced Friday.

The academy disclosed that the cadet, whose name is being withheld for at least 24 hours until the next of kin is notified, died in a single-engine aircraft crash.

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"The incident is under investigation and further details will be released as soon as they become available," officials said in a statement.

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According to local media reports, the cadet was one of two people aboard the aircraft when it crashed near Cleburne Regional Airport south of Fort Worth.

“Naval Academy Midshipman Who Died on Leave Played Linebacker for the Football Team”

Military.com, June 25, Kat Bouza

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/25/naval-academy-midshipman-who-died-leave-played-linebacker-football-team.html>

A Naval Academy midshipman who died while on summer leave is being remembered as a kind-hearted jokester who once played linebacker for the school's football team.

Michael Myles James, 22, of Hiram, Ga., was found unresponsive at his uncle's home there on Wednesday morning, academy spokeswoman Cmdr. Alana Garas told the Military Times.

The cause of death is under investigation and foul play is not suspected, according to a news release from the academy.

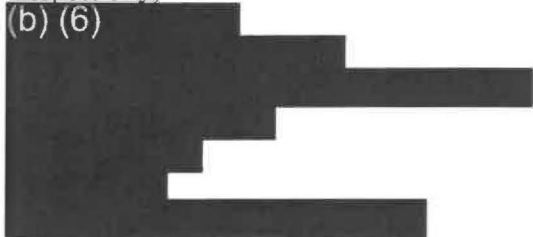
James was an English major who attended the Naval Academy Prep School before enrolling at

the school in Annapolis, Md., as a member of the class of 2022, according to an academy news release.

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29 JUN: MG Gregory Mosser, DCG of USARC, will conduct radio interviews across the country to discuss how the Army Reserve is ready to deploy at a moment's notice under Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

29 JUN: MG Walter Rugen, director of the Future Vertical Lift CFT, and BG Robert Barrie, PEO Aviation, will be interviewed by Roxana Tiron (Bloomberg) to discuss FVL programs.

Leading News:

“Commentary: Military drones are transforming war — we need a doctrine to use them right”

The Hill, June 28, Seth J. Frantzman

<https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/560130-military-drones-are-transforming-war-we-need-a-doctrine-to-use-them>

The weekend news that the U.S. launched airstrikes on the Iraq-Syria border in response to recent drone attacks on U.S. troops underscores the fact that drones in various forms are transforming the battlefield and pose increasing challenges for countries that seek to incorporate them — and the necessary defenses against them — in a way that is not just piecemeal.

A menagerie of systems — from the “loyal wingman” program in Australia, where drones act as a potential Sherpa alongside a manned aircraft, to Iran's influence on kamikaze drone

technology in the Middle East — is changing the role of drones on the battlefield. Attempts to incorporate small tactical drones into ground forces illustrate the daunting challenges.

Though these challenges are not new, most militaries have yet to adopt a systematic drone doctrine that deploys unmanned systems throughout their services. Drones have been around for decades — Israel used them in the 1980s to find Syrian air defense, for example. In the U.S., the Pentagon acquired the Predator and Global Hawk unmanned systems that came to be a staple of counter-insurgency operations. A 2005 roadmap for American unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) noted that there were some 20 types of drones in use that had flown 100,000 hours during operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Their range of missions was rapidly expanding, as was their diversity in size, from micro drones weighing less than a pound to the 32,000-pound Global Hawk.

Senior Leaders:

“General Milley, critical race theory and why GOP's 'woke' military concerns miss the mark”

NBC News, June 28, Jeff McCausland

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/general-milley-critical-race-theory-why-gop-s-woke-military-ncna1272558>

Last Wednesday, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appeared before the House Armed Services Committee to talk about the 2022 Defense Department budget.

During the hearing, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., challenged Austin about, among other things, the teaching of critical race theory (CRT) in the U.S. military. A relatively amorphous term often referring to the academic study of race and anti-racist movements, CRT has become a catch-all cause celebre for culture war conservatives. Later in the hearing, another Florida Republican, Rep. Michael Waltz, a military veteran, noted that CRT appeared in an elective at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and “white rage” was the focus of a seminar voluntarily attended by 100 cadets.

US Army:

“More than half of stateside commissaries will have curbside pickup within a month”

Military Times, June 28, Karen Jowers

<https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2021/06/28/more-than-half-of-stateside-commissaries-will-have-curbside-pickup-within-a-month/>

More than 70 additional commissaries are scheduled to start the online ordering/curbside pickup service at their stores by the end of July, according to the Defense Commissary Agency.

That’s an increase of more than six-fold. Until Monday, there were 12 stores in the continental U.S. that have the Commissary Click2Go service, which began rolling out two years ago. That number is rapidly increasing, with eight stores in North Carolina and South Carolina starting the service Monday, and another Tuesday.

But by the end of July, according to the current schedule, about 87 stores — nearly half of all 178 stateside stores — will have the online ordering/curbside pickup service. There are 236

commissary stores worldwide.

Commissary officials announced June 28 that customers will have one more reason to use the online ordering/curbside pickup service at their stores: officials are waiving the \$4.95 service fee for each order, until further notice. The service fee is normally waived the first 30 days after the Click2Go service is initiated at a store.

"We're out to establish a strong eCommerce presence in keeping with [the Defense Commissary Agency's] strategic goals to make the commissary benefit accessible to as many patrons as possible," said Bill Moore, DeCA's director and CEO, in an announcement of the fee waivers.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Army To Provide Gender Transition Care, Surgeries for Transgender Soldiers"

Military.com, June 28, Steve Beynon

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/06/28/army-provide-gender-transition-care-surgeries-transgender-soldiers.html>

Transgender soldiers can openly serve in the Army and the force will provide hormone therapy, mental health care and surgeries they might require, according to a force-wide memo issued out last week.

"This directive supersedes all previous guidance," Maj. Gen. Douglas Stitt, director of the Army G-1 Military Personnel Management Office, told reporters at a June 24 news conference. "The Army is open to all who can meet the standards. No otherwise qualified soldiers may be discharged or denied service, solely on the basis of gender identity."

A soldier's gender identity will no longer be a cause for involuntary separation, denied reenlistment or other adverse action, according to the memo. The Army's new policy follows President Joe Biden's executive order on his first week in office in January repealing a Trump-era ban on transgender troops.

To qualify for gender-transition care, soldiers have to be diagnosed with gender dysphoria. According to the American Psychiatric Association, gender dysphoria refers to psychological distress resulting from an individual's biological sex conflicting with their identity.

Treatment from the Army will consist of four elements: "hormones, psychotherapy, real-life experience, and surgical intervention," Col. Deidra Briggs-Anthony, assistant deputy of health affairs for manpower and reserve affairs explained. But not all soldiers will require all four components for their transition.

USCC:

"South LA family continues a life of service with daughter at West Point"

FOX11, June 27, Christine Devine

<https://www.foxla.com/news/south-la-family-continues-a-life-of-service-with-daughter-at-west-point>

LOS ANGELES - With the Fourth of July just days away, there's a new perspective on the

holiday for a volleyball player from South Los Angeles.

Kai Nickerson knew she'd play college volleyball she just never expected to be at one of the nation's top military academies, West Point.

Nickerson is home in LA for the summer and staying fit with inspiration from her fitness trainer mom Cassandra Britt-Nickerson, a recently retired LAPD Sergeant and cancer survivor. Her father is also retired LAPD.

Mom, Cassandra Britt-Nickerson, was a fitness model throughout her law enforcement career and would train people to ready them for the police academy. Both her daughter and her son can be seen working out on her Instagram page, GetFitWithBrittNick.

Britt-Nickerson retired from law enforcement in January after 30 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. The retired African-American officer notes that she was born and raised in South LA and still lives in South LA.

Sports:

“Former SU lax star Tumolo named head coach at Army”

Spectrum News, June 28, Mark Lerason

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/sports/2021/06/28/former-su-lax-star-tumolo-named-head-coach-at-army>

Five days after her former teammate took the reins at her alma mater, former Syracuse lacrosse star Michelle Tumolo has been named the new head women's coach at Army West Point.

Tumolo, 30, has been the head coach at Wagner the last three seasons, guiding the Seahawks to 29 wins and a berth in the 2019 NCAA tournament. Wagner's 16-4 record in 2019 was good for the best winning percentage in the program's history.

Despite having her senior season cut short due to injury in 2013, Tumolo finished her collegiate career with 141 goals and 137 assists, ranking in Syracuse's career top 10 for goals, assists and points. Her assist total ranked ninth in NCAA history at the conclusion of her career. The New Jersey native still ranks third in career points at Syracuse, behind former teammate Kayla Treanor, who replaced Gary Gait as SU's head coach last week.

"I am beyond excited and honored to be The Noto Family Head Women's Lacrosse Coach at Army West Point!", said Tumolo. "I can't wait to lead these incredible young women, who have chosen a path of leadership and service. I cannot wait to get started. Go Army!!"

“Buffalo to play at Army in 2033”

FB Schedules, June 28, Kevin Kelley

<https://fbschedules.com/buffalo-to-play-at-army-in-2033/>

The Buffalo Bulls will play at the Army Black Knights in 2033, according to Buffalo's official athletics website.

Buffalo will travel to take on Army at Michie Stadium in West Point, N.Y., on Saturday, Sept.

10, 2033. The game is likely the rescheduled matchup from the 2020 season, as the Bulls were scheduled to play at Army until the game was canceled due to the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Buffalo and Army first met on the gridiron in 1960 and have played a total of seven contests. Army won consecutive games in 2017 and 2018, 21-17 in West Point and 42-13 in Buffalo, respectively, to take a 4-3 lead in the overall series.

Buffalo and Army are also scheduled to play a home-and-home series in 2026 and 2027. In the first game of the series, Buffalo will travel to take on Army at Michie Stadium on September 12, 2026. The series will conclude with the Bulls hosting the Black Knights at UB Stadium in Buffalo, N.Y., on September 11, 2027.

Army is the first scheduled non-conference opponent for the Buffalo Bulls for the 2033 season.

COVID:

“Perna Retiring From Covid Task Force as U.S. Response Shifts”

Bloomberg, June 28, Riley Griffin and Josh Wingrove

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-06-28/perna-retiring-from-covid-task-force-as-u-s-response-shifts?srnd=prognosis>

U.S. Army General Gustave Perna, a top official in the Covid-19 vaccine rollout in both the Trump and Biden administrations, is set to retire July 2.

Robert Johnson, an official at the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, will serve as interim chief operating officer for the pandemic effort, according to Jeffrey Zients, President Joe Biden’s Covid-19 coordinator.

Perna has “been helping lead our nation through a war he probably did not envision when he joined the army in 1981,” Zients said in an interview. “He’s been a key driver of the success that we’ve had.”

The four-star general’s departure marks yet another shift in the leadership and vision of the U.S. pandemic response. In July 2020, Perna became the co-leader of Operation Warp Speed, the Trump administration’s multi-billion-dollar coronavirus vaccine and treatment effort. Working alongside Moncef Slaoui, the program’s former chief scientific adviser, Perna was responsible for logistical issues, such as manufacturing and distribution of rapidly developed pharmaceutical products.

Alumni:

“Stories of Honor: Lt. Col. Shawn Budke was a state wrestling champ for Helena High School”

The Independent Record, June 28, Curt Synness

https://helenair.com/news/local/stories-of-honor-lt-col-shawn-budke-was-a-state-wrestling-champ-for-helena-high/article_0b55ca79-76b1-5771-aaa8-bd1d29b1b0ab.html

Lt. Col. Shawn Budke (retired) served 21 years in the military, with some of the U.S. Army’s

more legendary outfits. Among them were the 1st Infantry Division, known as “The Big Red One;” the 1st Armored Division; and Montana’s own National Guard 163rd Division.

Budke graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, was deployed for three tours overseas, and has served as a Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) for 14 years, since retiring.

And it all started out under the tutelage and influence of a certain wrestling coach in the capital city six decades ago. The late Dave Miller (1941-2018), who guided Helena High’s grapplers to three top-three state trophies in the 1980s, was Budke’s youth club and high school coach, and an HHS English teacher.

Other:

“Coast Guard Academy welcomes 291 new cadets for start of Swab Summer”

The Day, June 27, Erica Moser

<https://www.theday.com/local-news/20210628/coast-guard-academy-welcomes-291-new-cadets-for-start-of-swab-summer>

New London — Day One of Swab Summer at the Coast Guard Academy on Monday looked much as it did before the COVID-19 pandemic, including the return of a hallmark of indoctrination that was understandably absent last summer amid fears of droplet contamination.

Shouting in people's faces.

The Coast Guard Academy welcomed 291 swabs, or new cadets, for the first day of their seven-week training. Day One included issuance of uniforms, drill practice, haircuts for the men, and a swearing-in ceremony.

About 40% of the Class of 2025 are women and 36% are from underrepresented minority groups. The class includes eight international students, from Jamaica, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Taiwan.

Nicholas Folkes and Shawnamarie Sinclair are the first two swabs the academy has had from Jamaica. This is the first time in the United States for both, and both will be serving in the Jamaican military upon graduation.

Following the afternoon swearing-in ceremony and class photo, proud family members who had lined Bear Drive for the ceremony rushed to see their kids once last time — cheering, shouting names, waving hats, and holding arms open for hugs.

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Class of 2025 has arrived and CBT is in full swing. Watch some of the highlights from R-Day here: <https://youtu.be/1DwyUiftwEE>

DOD:

30 JUN: Mr. Doug Bush, acting ASA for ALT, and LTG Erik Peterson, DCS of G-8, will testify before the HASC Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee on the “Fiscal Year 2022 Rotary Wing Aviation Budget Request.”

30 JUN: BG Rob Collins, PEO C3T, and BG Jeth Rey, director of the Network CFT, will host a Capability Set 21/23 Integrated Tactical Network Stryker platform demonstration at Aberdeen Proving Ground. (Media invited)

1 JUL: CSA GEN James McConville will conduct a pre-recorded interview with ABC’s “Good Morning America” to highlight the Army’s commitment to taking care of its people and defending the nation, while recognizing the courage and sacrifices of all military service members and veterans (expected to air 5 JUL).

1 JUL: LTG Donnie Walker, DCG of AMC DCG and Redstone Arsenal senior Commander, will make remarks and participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside Alabama Governor Kay Ivey for an upgraded Alabama Veterans Museum in Athens, Alabama.

1 JUL: Dr. James Helis, director of the Army Resilience Directorate, will be interviewed by Tom Vanden Brook (USA Today) regarding suicide and Army efforts to prevent it.

Leading News:

“A New Army Program Is Teaching Leaders To Be More Compassionate And Less 'Toxic'”

American Homefront, June 29, Carson Frame

<https://americanhomefront.wunc.org/news/2021-06-29/a-new-army-program-is-teaching-leaders-to-be-more-compassionate-and-less-toxic>

The program has debuted at Fort Hood, Texas, where Spc. Vanessa Guillen's killing last year led to criticism of the base's culture and command climate.

When 28 year-old Ebony Rice became an Army drill sergeant in 2018, she adopted the leadership style that's often associated with the job: loud, demanding and hyper-focused on making sure recruits followed the rules and worked as a team.

“The environment that we’re in, we have to have that demeanor where we're tough and we're hard on them,” Rice said.

But during one basic training cycle, Rice got a wakeup call. One of her recruits was being sexually

preyed upon by another soldier but didn't feel safe telling Rice about it.

"The offender at the time was close to me," Rice said. "They felt like they could not come to me because they felt like I would have taken that person's side."

Rice took a hard look at her own behavior and the kind of relationships she had with her soldiers. She concluded that she needed to strike a better balance between toughness and approachability.

US Army:

"Afghanistan: US military 'days away' from completing pull-out"

BBC, June 30, Staff Writer

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-57659927>

The US military could complete its withdrawal from Afghanistan within days, reports say, amid increasing Taliban battlefield gains.

US officials told Reuters that some US forces were expected to stay to protect the US embassy and Kabul airport.

The reports came as a top US commander warned the country risked sliding into civil war as the last US troops leave.

Fighting has surged since the US began withdrawing last month, with the Taliban seizing swathes of territory.

CNN quoted US officials corroborating the Reuters report. "This week could be a critical week in the withdrawal and end of the retrograde process," an unnamed defence official told the network.

About 650 US troops are expected to remain to help secure the US embassy in Kabul, and several hundred more may be stationed at the city's airport.

President Biden has set a deadline of 11 September for US troops to fully withdraw. But recent reports had suggested most of the more than 4,000 troops deployed in recent months would be out by mid-July, well ahead of time.

Senior Leaders

"Army leaders vow to improve sexual assault response efforts"

13 News Now, June 29, Mike Gooding

<https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/national/military-news/army-leaders-vow-improve-sexual-assault-response/291-22a87326-b340-423a-b845-ec5ba2f1e705>

WASHINGTON — Following Spc. Vanessa Guillen's disappearance and murder at Fort Hood, Texas last year, the Army is pledging that it will transform the service's sexual harassment and assault prevention program.

A report from the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee resulted in 14 leaders at the post being relieved or suspended for fostering a command climate that that was permissive of sexual harassment and assault.

But Army leaders said today, much more must still be done.

"We are building a culture of cohesive teams that are highly trained, disciplined and fit, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect," said Gen. James McConville, U.S. Army Chief of Staff. "That is how we prevent the harmful behaviors that hurt our soldiers and break trust with the American people. These being sexual assault and harassment, acts of racism and extremism, and death by suicide."

Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth also testified Tuesday before the House Armed Services Committee.

"What we're going to be focusing on is building that kind of culture, so that people are taking care of themselves, leaders are taking care of soldiers, and soldiers are looking out for each other," she said. "But, it's going to take time to make significant progress in this area."

"Opinion: What the U.S. military can teach us about critical race facts"

Washington Post, July 29, Michele Norris

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/06/29/what-us-military-can-teach-us-about-critical-race-facts/>

Conservative politicians have weaponized critical race theory to thwart discussion about America's pernicious racial history. The U.S. military — an institution with a mixed record on racial equality — should close down this phony war by simply telling its own story with a full and open examination of the record.

I am not normally hawkish about calling for military action, but I'll pound on the table to advocate for this battle. Why is the military so well suited to take this on? Let's start with the Capitol Hill testimony last week by Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the conservative response that followed it.

Milley defended the study of critical race theory while appearing alongside Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the first Black American to hold that post. Republican lawmakers had argued that including CRT on the syllabus at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point would weaken the military by giving in to a progressive agenda. Rep. Michael Waltz (R-Fla.), a former Green Beret, said a guest lecturer speaking to officer candidates at West Point dared to include the phrase "White rage."

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Executive order covers diversity, inclusion, equity and accessibility for federal workers"

Defense Systems, June 29, Natalie Alms

<https://defensesystems.com/articles/2021/06/29/biden-dei-accessibility-exec-order.aspx>

An executive order issued last Friday directs the federal government to ramp up diversity training, rethink the use salary history as a basis for pay determinations and supply gender non-conforming and non-binary and transgender feds with employee credentials that reflect their current names, pictures and pronouns.

The sweeping order calls for a strategic plan to set standards and identify strategies for advancing diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility and eliminating equity barriers within 150 days. It'll be updated at least every four years. The order also instructs a review of current policies for the collection of feds' demographic data and potentially modify it for more expansive collection.

The Biden administration doesn't require agency chief diversity officers in the order, but recommends that government agencies "seek opportunities" to establish such positions.

The government is also tasked with improving the pipeline of minority candidates into government through partnerships with historically Black colleges and universities and other institutions of higher learning with concentrations of Hispanic, Asian-American and Pacific-islander students, as well as students from Native American tribes. Additionally, the government is charged to explore partnerships with institutions that serve people with disabilities – just one aspect of the order that looks to attract people with disabilities to government service.

Sports:

“Army West Point’s Erynn Johns Wins Patriot League Top Play of the Year Challenge”

Patriot League, June 29, Staff Writer

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/6/29/general-army-west-points-erynn-johns-wins-patriot-league-top-play-of-the-year-challenge.aspx>

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – Army West Point women’s soccer forward Erynn Johns captured the 2020-21 Patriot League Top Play of the Year Challenge when voting concluded on the Patriot League on ESPN’s official Twitter account - @PatriotLeagueTV.

Johns’ nifty back-heel assist advanced through the Sweet Moves Division and claimed the top play of the year with 49.6 percent of the vote on the Twitter poll.

The West Point graduate and Austin, Texas native, defeated Black Knights men’s basketball’s Alex King (21.1 percent), Bucknell field hockey’s Kaelyn Long (14.5 percent) and Loyola Maryland men’s lacrosse’s Ryan McNulty (14.8 percent).

THE PLAY: Johns beat two American women’s soccer players to a cross into the box and placed the back-heel pass onto the right foot of sophomore forward Alyssa Carfagno, who tapped the ball into the goal in the second half of the Black Knights’ 5-0 victory.

“Abby Doyle, Stevie Mitchell named Reading Eagle Athletes of the Year”

Reading Eagle, June 28, Mike Drago

https://www.readingeagle.com/sports/high-school-sports/abby-doyle-stevie-mitchell-named-reading-eagle-athletes-of-the-year/article_2fd7ea4e-d827-11eb-b7bb-e7c5d0f2c00d.html

Abby Doyle of Wyomissing and Stevie Mitchell of Wilson left a mark at their respective schools that is greater than the sum of the points they scored, the victories they contributed to or the championships they helped capture.

Doyle was the Berks Player of the Year in soccer, an All-Berks pick in basketball and captain of two teams that enjoyed historical playoff success. She will play soccer at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

COVID:

“Heart inflammation after COVID-19 shots higher than expected in study of U.S. military”

Reuters, June 29, Carl O’Donnell

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/heart-inflammation-after-covid-19-shots-higher-than-expected-study-us-military-2021-06-29/>

June 29 (Reuters) - Members of the U.S. military who were vaccinated against COVID-19 showed higher-than-expected rates of heart inflammation, although the condition was still extremely rare, according to a study released on Tuesday.

The study found that 23 previously healthy males with an average age of 25 complained of chest pain within four days of receiving a COVID-19 shot. The incident rate was higher than some previous estimates would have anticipated, it said. All the patients, who at the time of the study's publication had recovered or were recovering from myocarditis - an inflammation of the heart muscle - had received shots made by either Pfizer Inc (PFE.N) and BioNTech SE (22UAY.DE) or Moderna Inc (MRNA.O).

U.S. health regulators last week added a warning to the literature that accompanies those mRNA vaccines to flag the rare risk of heart inflammation seen primarily in young males. But they said the benefit of the shots in preventing COVID-19 clearly continues to outweigh the risk.

"NYC Tweaks Mask Rules for City Workers; Top Docs Look to Calm Delta Concerns"

NBC New York, June 29, Staff Writer

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/coronavirus/nyc-tweaks-mask-rules-for-city-workers-top-docs-look-to-calm-delta-concerns/3130339/>

Vaccinated New York City workers can ditch their masks and stop social distancing in the office starting Tuesday, Mayor Bill de Blasio said. And he hopes to restore full normalcy -- no masks for anyone, no strict COVID precautions -- for city offices in September if federal CDC guidance by then supports those changes.

In the meantime, unvaccinated city workers and workers interacting with the public must continue to wear masks, de Blasio said. All city agencies are required to implement the changes by July 6, in exactly one week.

The first floods of municipal workers began going back to city offices in early May, as the five boroughs and nation continued to scale up vaccination rollouts. The COVID outlook at all levels has improved significantly since, arming elected officials with the public health data they need to more acutely focus on economic revival.

To date, 62.2% of New York City adults are fully vaccinated, according to state data, while 68.6% have had at least one dose. Those numbers at the state level are a bit higher -- 65.1% and 72%, respectively, according to CDC data.

Alumni:

"From West Point to wine: Bill Foley's principles for building a legacy"

CNBC, June 29, Staff Writer

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/29/from-west-point-to-wine-bill-foleys-principles-for-building-a-legacy.html>

A man who has built a \$150 billion business portfolio doesn't do it by sheer luck. To be sure, shrewd judgment, business acumen and hard work are far more important facilitators of achievement. But for Bill Foley, who has overseen more than 200 business acquisitions in his career, the ethos he adopted as a young man has been central to his success.

"West Point turned me into a different person," said Foley. "It taught me that you look to your mission first, your men, and then yourself. That's what I believe really helped create the businessman that I became over the years."

"John Tien Sworn in as Department of Homeland Security Deputy Secretary"

Homeland Security Today, June 29, Staff Writer

<https://www.hstoday.us/people-on-the-move/john-tien-sworn-in-as-department-of-homeland->

security-deputy-secretary/

Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas delivered the Oath of Office to John Tien, the new Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

“John Tien is a retired U.S. Army Colonel whose distinguished military career spanned 24 years, and someone who knows what it means to truly safeguard our Nation,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. “I am proud to have John as a partner in leading the Department of Homeland Security, as we work together to support our incredible colleagues and protect the Nation. I also want to thank former Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary David Pekoske for his service. I am grateful for the great work that David has accomplished throughout the past several months, and I am thankful that he will continue to serve our department as he returns to his leadership of the Transportation Security Administration.”

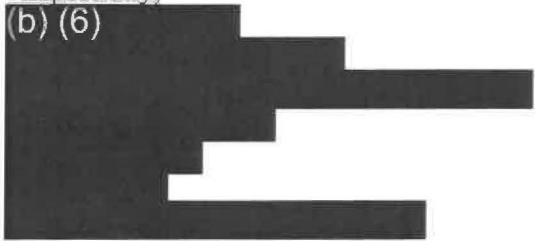
At the United States Military Academy at West Point, Tien was the first Asian American to ever serve as the First Captain and Brigade Commander, West Point’s top ranked cadet position. For the next 24 years, he served as a U.S. Army combat arms officer, retiring in 2011 at the rank of Colonel. His military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Combat Action Badge, and the Valorous Unit Award.

Tien was confirmed 60-34 in the United States Senate on June 17. He is the first Asian American to serve as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

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-9-10 MAR: Mr. Christopher Lowman, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, and VCSA GEN Joseph Martin will travel with Haley Britzky (Task & Purpose) to Fort Stewart and will highlight Army People Strategy actions at division level.
-11 MAR: CSA GEN James McConville will conduct a virtual interview on 2021 Army priorities and challenges with the Defense Writers Group.
- 11 MAR: MG Donna Martin, Provost Marshal General of the Army, will testify before the HASC-MP during a hearing on "Military Criminal Investigative Organization Reform and Recommendations from the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee."

Leading News:

"Most Of The West Point Cadets Who Cheated On A Virtual Exam Will Be Allowed To Remain Enrolled"

NPR, Mar. 9

<https://wskg.org/news/most-of-the-west-point-cadets-who-cheated-on-a-virtual-exam-will-be-allowed-to-remain-enrolled/>

The scandal is the largest at West Point in 40 years, and it has raised questions about honor among the men and women who will become the Army's future leaders.

Leaders at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York will allow most of the students involved in a major cheating scandal to remain at the prestigious school.

Late last year, 73 cadets were accused of collaborating on a virtual calculus exam. More than 50 of the accused cadets admitted they cheated – but almost all of them will get a second chance. West Point enrolled them in a special program designed to rehabilitate students who violate the honor code.

Shortly after the scandal became public last year, four cadets resigned from the academy. Another eight could face tougher discipline.

West Point superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams addressed the scandal at a March 2 congressional hearing. He defended the academy's decision to allow most of the cadets to stay.

"There's no excuse for violating the United States Military Academy honor code, and I have all the tools I need to hold them accountable for that, and we will," Williams said.

“Ever wonder what the first day at West Point is like for a new cadet? Watch this.”

We Are the Mighty, Mar. 8, Jessica Evans

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/mighty-history/west-point-first-day-watch/>

Every July, more than 1,200 cadet candidates arrive at West Point, the US military academy in West Point, New York. Established in 1802, it's around 50 miles north of New York City. The location of the academy has significance in US history. Say what you want about West Pointers (or military academies in general) but getting into West Point is a pretty significant feat!

Located on the western point of the Hudson River right where it bends, West Point has historical significance in America's quest for independence from the British. During the War of Independence, the British had to attack coming down the Hudson River. From West Point, they could see them coming.

Reception day, also known as R-Day, is always on a Monday and marks the first of each student's four-year journey to graduation. In that journey, Cadets will follow through four programs: Character, Academic, Physical and Military.

“USNA Chief: Annapolis Sea Level Rise Puts Academy's Mission At Risk”

Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Mar. 8,

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/usna-chief-annapolis-sea-level-rise-puts-academys-mission-at-risk/>

The Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) says sea level rise in Annapolis is putting the service academy's buildings, historic infrastructure, and entire military mission at risk.

USNA Superintendent Vice Admiral Sean S. Buck gave a statement before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Defense last week, highlighting how vulnerable the Naval Academy is to storm surge and localized high-tide flooding. Vice Admiral Buck says that kind of nuisance flooding has increased from 2–3 times a year, historically, to 30–40 times a year today.

He says the rise in relative sea level—slightly more than one foot since 1929—has left the campus more vulnerable to major storms, like the \$120 million in damage caused by Hurricane Isabel in 2003. Both storm surges and frequent high-tide flooding affect daily operations at USNA, through road closures and impassable sidewalks and building entry points.

With relative sea level rise expected to continue in the Annapolis area well into the future, USNA's Sea Level Rise Advisory Council predicts that an average high tide (Mean High Water) would flood low-lying roads daily at the Naval Academy by 2050.

Senior Leaders:

“Biden signs order that could change how colleges handle sexual misconduct”

Associated Press, Mar. 8

<https://ktla.com/news/nationworld/biden-set-to-sign-executive-order-that-could-change-how-colleges-handle-sex-misconduct/>

In a first step toward reversing a contentious Trump administration policy, President Joe Biden on Monday ordered his administration to review federal rules guiding colleges in their handling of campus sexual assaults.

In an executive order, Biden directed the Education Department to examine rules that the Trump administration issued around Title IX, the federal law that forbids sex discrimination in education. Biden directed the agency to “consider suspending, revising or rescinding” any policies that fail to protect students.

Biden also signed a second executive order formally establishing the White House Gender Policy Council, which his transition team had announced before he took office.

“The policy of this administration is that every individual, every student is entitled to a fair education — free of sexual violence — and that all involved have access to a fair process,” Jennifer Klein, co-chair and executive director of the Gender Policy Council, told reporters at a White House briefing.

“U.S. panel calls for new digital service academy to bolster federal workforce”

Science Magazine, Mar. 8, Jeffrey Mervis

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2021/03/us-panel-calls-new-digital-service-academy-bolster-federal-workforce>

A blue-ribbon panel wants Congress to establish a U.S. Digital Service Academy (USDSA) to help the federal government meet its need for tech-savvy workers.

The digital academy would be similar to the five existing military academies in providing students with a tuition-free education in exchange for 5 years of government service. But instead of becoming a commissioned military officer, graduates would join the civilian workforce at the Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

These digital specialists would help close a widening skills gap in the federal workforce not currently being met by the nation’s colleges and universities, say members of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, which issued its final report last week. “If Stanford [University] were sending a thousand graduates every year into government service, we wouldn’t need this new academy,” says Andrew Moore, head of Google Cloud’s AI division and former dean of computer science at Carnegie Mellon University.

US Army:

“The US Army's New Goggles Let Troops See Through Solid Walls”

Interesting Engineering, Mar. 8, Brad Bergan

<https://interestingengineering.com/us-army-goggles-troops-see-through-solid-walls>

The United States Army has new goggles capable of letting soldiers see through walls of combat vehicles — which enables infantry troops to greatly enhance their situational awareness, according to a press release shared on the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service.

And, in combat, situational awareness is key to survival.

The U.S. Army is developing Integrated Augmented Vision System (IAVS) goggles for close-combat forces — which involve both mounted and dismounted troops, namely, infantry.

This capability aims to send tens of thousands of new goggles into the field, which can also enable soldiers to check around corners, see in the dark, and even display digital maps and other tactical data on the goggles' lenses.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Inside the Pentagon’s plan to keep extremists from joining up”

Navy Times, Mar. 8, Meghann Myers

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/03/09/inside-the-pentagons-plan-to-keep-extremists-from-joining-up/>

The Jan. 6 insurrection on Capitol Hill and the extent to which current or former service members participated it served as a wake-up call to the Defense Department, Pentagon officials have said. DoD has been, however, aware of the encroachment of domestic extremism in the ranks in recent years, and has made several reports to Congress examining both instances of extremism and how they can combat it.

A June report to the armed services committees, posted online March 2, paints a detailed picture of the military’s recruit background check process, including profiles of different extremist groups. It also includes seven recommendations to tighten up DoD’s policies.

Several of the suggestions involve working more closely with the FBI, which has been sounding the alarm about the dangers of domestic extremism.

That would include running questionable recruit tattoos through the FBI’s database, creating a consistent definition of domestic extremism for reference across the services, giving an unclassified version of the FBI’s in-house domestic extremism training, as well as consulting other agencies about updating Standard Form 86, which the federal government uses to build background checks.

USCC:

“Paralympic Gold Medalist Talks Engineering and Competition”

Huntsville Business Journal, Mar. 8, Kimberly Ballard

<https://huntsvillebusinessjournal.com/lead/2021/03/08/paralympic-gold-medalist-talks-engineering-and-competition/>

After a year’s delay due to the pandemic, the Paralympic Cycling season will hit the starting line in Huntsville next month.

More than 100 Paralympians will test their mettle and strive for medals as they push to qualify for the U.S. team in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympic Games. The free event in Cummings Research Park is April 17-18.

One of the competitors is longtime Birmingham resident, Jennifer Schuble, a five-time Paralympic medalist who will be competing in four events: the time trials, road race, pursuit and team sprint.

A three-time Paralympian, Schuble has won a Gold, three Silver, and one Bronze Medal in the 2008, 2112, and 2016 Paralympic Games.

She shared her journey as a military veteran, an elite athlete, and as an industrial engineer on a Zoom call with the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Schuble was a varsity athlete in three sports when she sustained a traumatic brain injury in a hand-to-hand combat class at West Point. Later, she sustained an additional brain injury in a car wreck and, in 2004, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

“The competitive edge is sort of part of your DNA and, at the Military Academy, it is embedded in you,” she said. “Everything gets thrown at you and they give you more than you can handle, so you have to figure out how to balance and overcome challenges.

COVID:

“US DoD authorizes more personnel to assist Covid-19 vaccination centers”

Army Technology, Mar. 8

<https://www.army-technology.com/news/us-dod-authorises-more-personnel-to-assist-covid-19-vaccination-centres/>

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The move comes in response to a request from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the agency’s Covid-19 vaccination efforts.

The additional personnel will support FEMA at vaccination sites around the country, said Pentagon press secretary John Kirby at a press briefing on 5 March.

The agency asked for 50 Type 1 teams and 50 Type 2 teams to support community vaccination centers.

Type 1 team consists of 222 service members and Type 2 team is made up of 139 members.

Sports:

“Let Army, Navy women play one last time, for honor and Star Trophy”

Times Herald-Record, Mar. 8, Ken McMillian

<https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2021/03/08/ncaa-should-allow-for-army-navy-womens-basketball-star-game/4631033001/>

The news came as a shock to Dave Magarity.

Likely facing his final game as a basketball coach, after 48 years, Magarity was told by a West Point athletic official that there might be hope – win or lose on Sunday – for one final

opportunity to coach an Army-Navy game.

The two service academies had to scrub last month's all-important Star Game due to COVID virus issues. Although the two squads played twice earlier this season, the designated Star Game was stolen away and with it the opportunity to hoist the two-tiered trophy adorned with a jeweled basketball on top, toward the rafters, a place in history secured.

For decades, the Army-Navy men's basketball rivalry held a final-game status; of course, there were no conference affiliations requiring postseason appearances all the way through the 1970s. Only a handful of ECAC tournament or National Invitation Tournament invites interrupted the end-of-season clash which filled each school's field houses.

"Atlantic Hockey Tournament First Round Preview & Predictions"

FloHockey, Mar. 8, Jacob Messing

<https://www.flohockey.tv/articles/6920360-atlantic-hockey-tournament-first-round-preview-predictions>

The 2021 Atlantic Hockey postseason tournament kicks off this week as the reformatted first round is single elimination.

With their third-consecutive regular-season title and East Pod title, American International earned a first-round bye. As the West Pod champion, Robert Morris also earned a bye.

Watch the Atlantic Hockey Playoffs LIVE on FloHockey

Army West Point, RIT, and Canisius were the final three programs to claim the first-round bye, leaving the six remaining Atlantic Hockey rivals to square off in the single-elimination round.

"Patriot League Announces GEICO Men's Lacrosse Players of the Week"

Patriot League, Mar. 8

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/3/8/patriot-league-announces-mens-lacrosse-players-of-the-week-3-8-21.aspx>

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Army West Point and Lehigh earned two awards each while Lafayette collected one in this week's Patriot League GEICO men's lacrosse awards, announced by the League on Monday.

Army West Point junior attack Brendan Nichtern was named the Patriot League Men's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Week, while teammate junior defender Marcus Hudgins earned defensive player of the week.

Lafayette attack Charlie Cunniffe collected rookie of the week, while Lehigh junior Mike Sisselberger and senior James Spence were named faceoff specialist and goalkeeper of the week, respectively.

Army West Point junior goalkeeper Wyatt Schupler and sophomore faceoff specialist Stevie Grabher, Boston University freshman midfielder Christian Quadrino, Bucknell freshman senior attack Tommy Sopko, Colgate senior attack Mike Hawkins and freshman midfielder Jacob Sposita, and Holy Cross junior goalie A.J. Fox all earned honorable mention.

“Three Patriot League Student-Athletes to Compete in 2021 NCAA DI Cross Country Championship”

Patriot League, Mar. 8

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/3/8/three-patriot-league-student-athletes-to-compete-in-2021-ncaa-di-cross-country-championship.aspx>

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – Three Patriot League student-athletes will compete at the 2021 NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships on Monday, March 15 at the OSU Cross Country Course in Stillwater, Okla.

Army West Point junior Marshall Beatty will represent the Patriot League in the men’s championship race after claiming the individual title at the Patriot League Championships with a 4.7-mile time of 21:46.8 at Lehigh’s Goodman Campus. Beatty’s appearance marks the fourth time in the past five years that the Patriot League has been represented at the NCAA DI Men’s Cross Country Championships.

Bucknell junior Ashlyn Ramos earned her spot in the women’s championship race after capturing the League’s individual title with a 3.7-mile time of 19:34.7 at Lehigh’s Goodman Campus. Boston University sophomore Andrea Claeson, the second-place finisher at the Patriot League Championship, also qualified for the NCAA Championship field. Ramos and Claeson are the first Patriot League women to qualify for the NCAA DI Championship since Bucknell’s Christine Bendzinski accomplished the feat in 2017.

The NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships will be televised on ESPNU and available on the ESPN App. Live coverage of the NCAA Championships will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. ET

“Heart and Soul”

Yankees Magazine, Mar. 8, Alfred Santasiere III

<https://www.mlb.com/news/yankees-magazine-luke-voit>

The shortened 2020 season will be remembered for a lot of things, good and bad. But one of the most enduring performances among Yankees players was that of Luke Voit. In just 56 regular-season games, the Missouri native launched 22 home runs, becoming the seventh Yankees player to lead the Majors in that category outright. For Voit, the impressive season came on the heels of a roller-coaster 2019, during which he cemented his role as the team’s everyday first baseman by hitting 21 homers in 118 games, but also missed significant time with a sports hernia that required surgery that October.

YM: Switching gears, your brother, John, was a captain on the Army football team. From your experiences visiting the United States Military Academy at West Point, what left the most lasting impact on you?

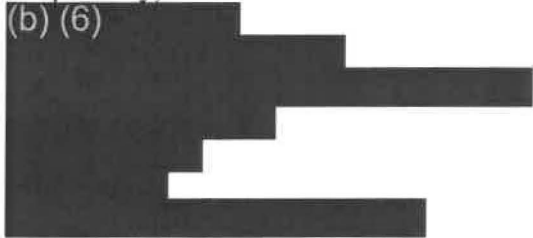
LV: West Point reminds me of a castle. I think about all of the people who have shaped American history and spent significant periods of time up there. It’s an unbelievable place that has turned boys and girls into men and women who defend our country. My brother just got deployed to Afghanistan in November. It’s scary to think about that, but at the same time, he has trained for the last six years to be able to do what he needs to do. His supervisors loved the fact that he was a captain on the Army football team. He’s a leader, and he’s capable of taking

men into battle to defend our country and to accomplish the goal at hand. I know that he's going to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Go Army. Beat Navy.

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DOD:

26 MAR: VCSA GEN Joseph Martin and SMA Michael Grinston will interact with reporters, who will experience the physical challenges of the ACFT at Fort Myer.

26 MAR: LTG Gary M. Brito, DCS of G-1; Ms. Diane Randon, ADCS of G-2; and G-2 SGM Julie Guerra will participate in a media roundtable on Project Solarium and the way ahead on People First priorities.

26 MAR: COL Jason Charland, Military Deputy, Department of the Army's Management Office-Strategy, Plans and Policy; and CPT Nicholas Morton, Strategist, Department of the Army's Management Office-Strategy, Plans and Policy, will conduct a telephonic media roundtable on the recently released "Army Multi-Domain Transformation: Ready to Win in Competition and Conflict" paper.

Leading News:

"General Officer Assignments 26 March"

Mirage News, Mar. 26

<https://www.miragenews.com/general-officer-assignments-26-march-534751/>

Brig. Gen. Curtis A. Buzzard, commandant of cadets, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, to deputy chief of staff, operations, Resolute Support Mission, NATO; deputy commanding general (operations), U.S. Forces-Afghanistan; and commander, U.S.

National Support Element Command-Afghanistan, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Afghanistan.

"Pentagon's Sexual Assault Commission Wants to Hear Junior Troops' Stories"

Military.com, Mar. 25, Stephen Losey

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/03/25/pentagons-sexual-assault-commission-wants-hear-junior-troops-stories.html>

The head of the Pentagon's anti-sexual assault and sexual harassment commission said Wednesday she wants to produce "major shifts" in how the military cares for victims and holds offenders accountable.

At a briefing with reporters, commission chairwoman Lynn Rosenthal said the Independent Review Commission will look at what hasn't been tried to stop sexual violence in the military, and will send Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and President Joe Biden recommendations for sweeping changes in how the military tackles this problem.

"I don't expect an in-the-weeds view of 150 policies that should be tweaked around the edges," Rosenthal said. "That is not what we're about. We are about looking at major shifts and big-picture items that could really change the culture, improve care for victims, bring about evidence-based prevention and hold offenders accountable."

Senior Leaders:

"Sen. Cotton introduces bill to block critical race theory training in US military"

ArkLaTex, Mar. 24,

<https://www.arklatexhomepage.com/news/state-news/arkansas/sen-cotton-introduces-bill-to-block-critical-race-theory-training-in-us-military/>

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Cotton has introduced new legislation he claims will fight back against "racist" training in the military.

The junior senator from Arkansas introduced a bill on Thursday called the "Combatting Racist Training in the Military Act," which he said was designed to prohibit the U.S. Armed Forces from promoting what Cotton called "racist theories" with a focus on critical race theory.

The senator derided the area of study as having "no place in our military, saying the teachings could "undermine our troops' faith in each other."

"Our military's strength depends on the unity of our troops and the knowledge that America is a noble nation worth fighting for. Critical Race Theory teaches that race is a person's most important characteristic and that America is an evil, oppressive place. That idea may be fashionable in left-wing circles and college classrooms, but it has no place in our military," Cotton said in a release announcing the bill. "Not only will such racist ideas undermine our troops' faith in each other, they'll also erode their trust in our country's guiding principles. The United States military shouldn't be promoting such divisive, un-American ideas."

The U.S. Military Academy Library at West Point has one textbook about the topic in a reading list for a behavioral science and leadership course, but it is not currently clear if critical race theory has any focused role in U.S. military training.

"Top U.S. General: Afghan Army Could Not Survive on Its Own"

Newsweek, Mar. 25, Paul D. Shinkman

<https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2021-03-25/top-us-general-afghan-army-could-not-survive-on-its-own>

THE AFGHAN MILITARY could not defend against onslaughts from the Taliban and other enemy forces in Afghanistan if America leaves, the chief of all U.S. special operations forces who recently visited the country told Congress on Thursday, 37 days before the planned May 1 withdrawal under terms then-President Donald Trump signed last year.

The capabilities the U.S. provides to combat the Taliban ... are critical to their success," Army Gen. Richard Clarke, chief of U.S. Special Operations Command, told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday.

Clarke recently toured the country and saw a new commando headquarters his Afghan counterparts had established. He said "progress has been made and I found a very capable

commander." But an uptick in violence by the Taliban, as well as other insurgent groups like al-Qaida and the Islamic State group, remains overwhelming for the nascent U.S.-backed force there.

"Give Us Three Good Years: Army Chief On Tight Budgets"

Breaking Defense, Mar. 25, Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.

<https://breakingdefense.com/2021/03/give-us-three-good-years-army-chief-on-tight-budgets/>

WASHINGTON: The Army Chief of Staff wants more soldiers but the service can't afford them, and he publicly accepts that. The Army can accept an end to endstrength growth and will economize on training to boost its modernization program, Gen. James McConville said Thursday.

McConville has consistently rejected the idea of steep cuts to end-strength, readiness or modernization. Will his proposed sacrifices be enough to stave off steep budget-cuts?

"We've got some really good programs going," McConville told a Brookings webcast. "We probably need about two or three more years of good solid budgets."

US Army:

"Army Extremism Training Gets Mixed Reviews from Soldiers"

Military.com, Mar. 25, Sarah Cammarata

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/03/25/army-extremism-training-gets-mixed-reviews-soldiers.html>

WASHINGTON — Faced with the herculean task of combating extremism in the ranks, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin directed all military leaders to gather with their units by the first week of April to discuss what it is, how and when to report it, and what it means to serve.

The extremism stand-down is taking place at bases across the world for all branches, and it's getting mixed reviews. The Army, as the largest force, has the most people going through the training.

Some soldiers expressed frustration at "check-the-blocks" training led by military officials who were not prepared to answer complex questions about extremist activity. Others said the training was effective when skilled instructors led honest, open discussions.

Stars and Stripes interviewed soldiers who completed training, some who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"Chief lays out Army role in the future fight across the globe"

Army Times, Mar. 25, Todd South

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2021/03/25/chief-lays-out-army-role-in-the-future-fight-across-the-globe/>

The Army wants to be in both the front yard and backyard of every major adversary, inside its weapons ranges with nimble new platforms and units, acting as the pivot point and deciding force in any conflict in which the U.S. may be involved, from small skirmishes to large-scale combat.

The service's top general expects his Army to deliver a force package purpose-built around the Army's transformation into a multi-domain warfighting organization.

Army Chief of Staff James C. McConville lays out his plan to get the Army to that goal by 2035 in an unclassified paper, "Army Multi-Domain Transformation," released Tuesday.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Why Are We Talking About It?' Congress May Face Impasse on Extremism in the Military"

Military.com, Mar. 25, Steve Beynon

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/03/25/why-are-we-talking-about-it-congress-may-face-impasse-extremism-military.html>

As the military faces a reckoning on extremism within the ranks following the Jan. 6 Capitol Hill riot, the issue is turning rapidly into a partisan stalemate in Congress.

"In many instances, you have members of the military be a part of these groups," Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.), the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said on "Morning Joe" on Thursday. "The Republicans ... part of the problem with their response is acting as defense attorneys asking why, if the problem can't be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, why are we talking about it?"

"Army to Allow Long Ponytails in All Uniforms, Top Enlisted Leader Says"

Military.com, Mar. 25, Hope Hodge Seck

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/03/25/army-allow-long-ponytails-all-uniforms-top-enlisted-leader-says.html>

Another big change is coming to Army grooming standards, the service's top enlisted leader revealed Thursday night.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston disrupted a discussion of rumored changes on Twitter by announcing that, yes, the Army would permit long ponytails for women, regardless of uniform in an upcoming change.

"How about I save you the trouble? The long ponytail was originally voted against," Grinston wrote. "But after hearing from our Soldiers, the panel asked if they could reconsider their decision. Working out the details, but 1-2 ponytails in all uniforms, down to the shoulder blade."

Admissions:

"Answering the call to serve: OCHS student's West Point acceptance inspired by late classmate"

Messenger-Inquirer, Mar. 25, Bobbie Hayse

https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/answering-the-call-to-serve-ochs-students-west-point-acceptance-inspired-by-late-classmate/article_86bed41a-abac-548d-842d-319b388fe317.html

When Clayton Lewis was a freshman at Owensboro Catholic High School, he set a lofty goal for himself to attend the U.S. Military Academy West Point, and now, weeks away from graduation, he has realized that objective.

Lewis, 19, of Owensboro, said being appointed to West Point is a dream come true, and the culmination of years of hard work and determination.

The process for acceptance for West Point is quite rigorous, and Lewis spent 12 months on that alone.

It involved seeking out several nomination letters, including those from U.S. Senators Rand Paul and Mitch McConnell, along with U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, and many others.

It also involved completing several tests, including a medical exam, a fitness assessment, essays, and turning in SAT and/or ACT and high school transcript information.

Alumni:

“Meet NASA Astronaut & Artemis Team Member Frank Rubio”

SciTechDaily, Mar. 25

<https://scitechdaily.com/meet-nasa-astronaut-artemis-team-member-frank-rubio-video/>

NASA astronaut Frank Rubio is a member of the Artemis Team, a select group of astronauts charged with focusing on the development and training efforts for early Artemis missions.

Dr. Frank Rubio was selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. He reported for duty in August 2017 and having completed the initial astronaut candidate training is now eligible for a mission assignment. The Florida native graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and earned a Doctorate of Medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Prior to attending medical school, he served as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot and flew more than 1,100 hours, including more than 600 hours of combat and imminent danger time during deployments to Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Rubio is a board certified family physician and flight surgeon. At the time of his selection, he was serving in the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

“New commander named for Schofield Barracks”

Star and Adviser, mar. 25, William Cole

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2021/03/25/breaking-news/new-commander-named-for-schofield-barracks/>

The chief of staff of the Army announced today that Maj. Gen. James B. Jarrard, commander of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, will become chief of staff for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Camp H. M. Smith on Oahu.

Jarrard assumed command of the 25th Division and U.S. Army Hawaii on Nov. 5, 2019. Before that he was director of operations for U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

His replacement at Schofield will be Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Ryan, deputy chief of staff for operations, Resolute Support Mission; deputy commanding general for operations with U.S.

Forces-Afghanistan; and commander of U.S. National Support Element Command-Afghanistan.

The Army said Ryan is a native of Pearl River, New York. He graduated from the United States Military Academy and began his military career as an 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment in 1992.

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Tune in tonight for the Coach K Awards <https://youtu.be/yjkbFvYWHzs>

DOD:

6 MAY: CSA GEN James McConville will provide remarks on transformational leadership and great power competition during the National Guard Senior Leadership Conference in Alexandria, Virginia.

6 MAY: Mr. Christopher Lowman, Mr. Christopher Lowman, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement to get feedback on current events and topics of interest from Soldiers, Army families, the Soldier for Life community and others.

6 MAY: GEN Paul Funk II, CG of TRADOC, will discuss the Army People Strategy and the role of leader development, training and education during a Center for a New American Security special event at 1300. Register at <https://www.cnas.org/events/special-event-virtual-fireside-chat-with-general-paul-e-funk-ii>.

6 MAY: LTG Leslie C. Smith, the 66th Inspector General, will speak at the Georgia Southern University Army ROTC commissioning ceremony in Statesboro, Georgia.

6 MAY: MG Donna Martin, Army Provost Marshall General and CG of Criminal Investigation Command, will speak at an ROTC cadet commissioning ceremony at Jackson State University, Mississippi.

6 MAY: MG Kevin Vereen, CG of USAREC, will conduct a media roundtable in support of the Army National Hiring Days event.

6 MAY: MG Thomas Solhjem, the Chief of Chaplains, will be guest speaker at the National Day of Prayer at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

6 MAY: BG John Rafferty, director of the Long Range Precision Fires CFT, will be interviewed by Sydney Freedberg (Breaking Defense) on the alignment of LRPF lines of effort to BCT, DIVARTY and corps echelons.

6 MAY: Ms. Cindy Bedell, Director of Computational and Information Sciences at the Army Research Laboratory, will participate in a panel discussion with Nextgov and DefenseOne on artificial intelligence on the battlefield.

Leading News:

“Bill To Combat Sexual Assault In Military Finally Has Votes To Pass, Senators Say”

NPR, May 6, Claudia Grisales

<https://www.npr.org/2021/05/06/993957643/bill-to-combat-sexual-assault-in-military-finally-has-votes-to-pass-senators-say>

In a breakthrough for an eight-year-long effort, two senators behind legislation to revamp the way the military handles sexual assault cases and other serious crimes say the bill has the bipartisan votes to gain passage.

New York Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Iowa GOP Sen. Joni Ernst said on Wednesday that the legislation would, for the first time, move cases out of the chain of command to trained, military prosecutors. Such cases would remain under military oversight, but instead be handled by criminal justice attorneys with relevant expertise, as opposed to commanders who often lack legal training.

Gillibrand, after joining forces with Ernst, has found new success this year in moving the measure forward. Gillibrand has made the effort to curb sexual assault in the services a marquee issue, seeking approval for the plan since 2013. If passed, the bill would dramatically change the landscape for how such crimes are prosecuted.

"We have enormous momentum. I think we are well over 60 votes at this point," Gillibrand said of the legislation's support in the Senate.

“West Point probed for allegations it’s pushing critical race theory on cadets”

The College Fix, May 6, Isaac Cross

<https://www.thecollegefix.com/west-point-probed-for-allegations-its-pushing-critical-race-theory-on-cadets/>

A U.S. congressman is seeking transparency from West Point Military Academy after hearing complaints regarding elements of critical race theory present in its training curriculum.

Rep. Mike Waltz, a member of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, sent a letter to West Point leaders requesting copies of teaching materials provided at West Point after receiving complaints from various families and cadets.

In a phone interview with The College Fix, the Florida Republican explained that many families of West Point cadets come from military or law enforcement backgrounds, saying “they found it incredibly divisive.”

Senior Leaders:

“Supreme Court gets it wrong again, denying justice to those in uniform”

The Hill, May 5, Jonathan Turley (Op-Ed)

<https://thehill.com/opinion/judiciary/551845-supreme-court-gets-it-wrong-again-denying-justice-to-those-in-uniform>

The often-divided Supreme Court reached an almost unanimous decision on Monday. It was the wrong decision.

The court refused to review the case of a rape victim who was barred from having her case heard in federal courts because “Jane Doe” was serving in our military. Only one justice demanded justice for the former West Point cadet: Clarence Thomas.

The injustice of the court’s decision, however, goes beyond “Jane Doe” and extends to every member of the military.

The court missed the opportunity to overturn one of its most infamous, indefensible doctrines. Created more than 70 years ago, the Feres Doctrine has victimized hundreds of thousands of service members and their families. The court’s failure should now put pressure on Congress to finally act to end the tragic legacy of the Feres decision.

“House Appropriators Fear Army Cuts, Continuing Resolution”

Breaking Defense, May 5, Sydney J. Freedberg Jr. and Paul McLeary

<https://breakingdefense.com/2021/05/house-appropriators-fear-army-cuts-continuing-resolution/>

The Army’s 2022 budget isn’t out yet, but the Chief of Staff is already promising Congress a detailed Unfunded Requirements list of all the service priorities that will be left out – a list legislators will look for eagerly.

“What we’ve got right now is an Army budget that has risk built into it,” said John Whitley, the acting Army Secretary (and a Trump holdover). “It was prudent risk. It was risk taken to fund modernization and to be a good steward of the taxpayer resources, but what that means is, then when funding becomes unpredictable, you don’t have buffers, you don’t have the ability to absorb that as easily. We are going to protect modernization, but there is risk there, and there will be things we cannot do.”

While the Biden Administration has only released the topline budget for the whole Defense Department – effectively flat, or a slight cut counting inflation – there’s already considerable fear of what Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley called a “bloodletting” of the Army to fund air and naval forces. As GOP Rep. John Carter put it today, “it looks like the Army’s going to take the lion’s share of the cuts,” potentially losing a full Armored Brigade Combat Team.

The Army Chief of Staff, Gen. James McConville, didn’t answer about the armor brigade directly. He did emphasize this: “If we don’t get the resources we think we need, by law I have an obligation to come back to you and lay out what those unfunded requirements are.”

US Army:

“Army to offer bonuses during five-week recruiting drive”

Stars and Stripes, May 5, Corey Dickstein

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us/army-to-offer-bonuses-during-five-week-recruiting-drive-1.672411#:~:text=The%20Army%20will%20offer%20an,30%2C%20according%20to%20the%20service.>

The Army, in an attempt to bolster recruiting as the coronavirus pandemic stretches into a second year, will offer extra bonuses starting next week to individuals who commit to serve in 11 high-demand jobs, service officials said Wednesday.

The five-week recruiting drive, dubbed Army National Hiring Days, is the service's second annual attempt to steer potential recruits toward the Army with a mostly virtual effort to boost enlistment numbers, which have dipped during the pandemic. The Army will hold the event from May 10 through

June 14, when it hopes to generate interest in the service for some 60,000 potential recruits, said Brig. Gen. Patrick Michaelis, the deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

"We are in a pretty challenging recruiting environment right now," Michaelis told reporters Wednesday. "We've got a very challenging mission, and we have to adapt to the [pandemic] environment, to be able to bring young men and women ... into our Army to serve our nation."

"Army Prepares to Transfer Soldiers to Space Force"

Army Magazine, May 5

<https://www.ausa.org/news/army-prepares-transfer-soldiers-space-force>

Army Space and Missile Defense Command is focused on putting "people first" as its top general aims to ensure soldiers who transfer to the U.S. Space Force "are taken care of."

"People will take care of the mission because we will take care of the people," Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commanding general of Space and Missile Defense Command and the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, said May 4.

"If we go in with that mindset, the transfer over to Space Force will be fine," he said.

Speaking during The AUSA Noon Report, hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army, Karbler said his command is working closely with the Space Force to make sure some logistics—such as how promotions, assignments and reenlistments will be done—are "understood by everybody and agreed" upon.

So far, he said, plans are "working very smoothly with the Space Force."

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Top US general urges greater racial diversity in military"

The Associated Press, May 5, Robert Burns and Lolita C. Baldor

<https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2021-05-05/top-us-general-urges-greater-racial-diversity-in-military>

The U.S. military must widen opportunity and improve advancement for Black service members, who remain vastly underrepresented in some areas, including among Air Force pilots and in the most senior ranks, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Wednesday.

Army Gen. Mark Milley told a Howard University ROTC commissioning ceremony that diversity is an important strength of the military but is still inadequate.

"We must get better," he said.

As an example of the failure to increase racial diversity, Milley said that when the current chief of staff of the Air Force, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1984, only 2% of Air Force pilots were Black. Today, Milley said, the Air Force pilot population remains 2% Black.

Brown, who last summer became the first Black to serve as the chief of a military service, made headlines in June when he posted an emotional video in which he discussed the difficulties he has experienced as a Black member of the Air Force. He said that as a young pilot he had to work extra hard in order to prove to white supervisors "that their expectations and perceptions of African-Americans were invalid."

"Rep. Roger Williams says renaming Fort Hood a possibility"

KCEN-NBC (TX), May 5, Jim Hice

<https://www.kcentv.com/article/news/military-matters/rep-roger-williams-discusses-fort-hood-challenges-with-local-killeen-leaders/500-149f24dc-6a2b-4712-9526-7ea2f5b83c69>

Rep. Rogers Williams was in Killeen Wednesday for a Fort Hood Community Roundtable. Williams met with elected officials, veterans and law enforcement to discuss challenges associated with Fort Hood, the military and the surrounding community. Williams said one of the topics of discussion was the renaming of Fort Hood.

Dean:

"60 Minutes reports on German-born Jews who carried out intelligence missions for U.S. in WWII"

CBS News, May 5

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ritchie-boys-world-war-ii-60-minutes-2021-05-05/>

Sunday, Jon Wertheim tells the little-known story of the "Ritchie Boys," a group who used their knowledge of German language and culture to gather more than half the combat intelligence on the Western Front.

Guy Stern is 99 years old. The German-born Jew escaped his homeland in 1937, leaving behind his parents and two siblings. He arrived in the U.S. alone at age 15. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, Stern raced to enlist, eager to return to Germany to fight the Nazis.

Paul Fairbrook, 97, had the same impulse. Fairbrook, another German Jew, made it to the U.S. in 1938, leaving behind aunts, uncles and cousins who were later murdered by the Nazis.

Stern and Fairbrook joined the U.S. Army and were recruited to train at a secret military intelligence center, based in Maryland, known as Camp Ritchie. The men who trained there became known as the Ritchie Boys; they are credited with providing combat intelligence that was pivotal to the Allies' success in the war. Their work was shrouded in secrecy and many of them didn't publicly discuss their experience at Camp Ritchie for decades. Jon Wertheim talks to three of the surviving Ritchie Boys on the next edition of 60 Minutes, Sunday, May 9 at 7 p.m. ET/PT on CBS.

David Frey, a professor of history at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, says the Ritchie Boys, made a massive contribution to the Allied victory by extracting key strategic information on enemy strength, troop movements and defensive positions.

USCC:

“United States Military Academy At West Point 2021 Graduate: Charlotte E Kuhn” Richland Source, May 5

https://www.richlandsource.com/senior_spotlights/united-states-military-academy-at-west-point-2021-graduate-charlotte-e-kuhn/article_d43e6032-cab2-50cb-9504-7904c638301a.html

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Full Name: Charlotte E Kuhn

High School: United States Military Academy at West Point

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering

Future Plans: Commission as a 2nd LT, Branched into Engineer Regiment, and posted to Fort Drum.

Parent 1 Name: David Kuhn

Parent 2 Name: Sarah Kuhn

COVID

“More than 80% of military installations have eased COVID restrictions”

Federal News Network, May 5, Scott Maucione

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/defense-main/2021/05/more-than-80-of-military-installations-have-eased-covid-restrictions/>

Military bases across the world are beginning to ease restrictions set during the rise of the coronavirus pandemic.

In the past week, the Defense Department saw 15% of its bases lift travel restrictions, and allow unrestricted travel between installations or even let some service members venture farther off base.

As of May 5, 83% of military installations are without restrictions, it's the closest DoD has been to a return to normalcy since the beginning of COVID.

Out of DoD's 230 bases, 190 are currently in a position where restrictions are no longer needed. However, DoD and base commanders can reinstate COVID rules if cases begin to rise again.

“Some US Military Bases Begin to Loosen Mask Rules”

Defense One, May 5, Jennifer Hlad

<https://www.defenseone.com/policy/2021/05/some-us-military-bases-begin-loosen-mask-rules/173782/>

U.S. Marines at Camp Lejeune, in North Carolina, no longer have to wear masks inside many buildings on base if they're fully vaccinated—including some gyms and most work facilities, a spokesman confirmed to Defense One.

The change, which was approved by the commanding generals of II Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations East, marks a departure from the Defense Department's February mask mandate, as well as Marine Corps rules for public areas.

Camp Lejeune's move to incentivize the vaccine comes as state and local leaders nationwide are relaxing or completely abandoning pandemic-safety rules on mask-wearing, social distancing, and occupancy limitations on public gatherings as more Americans become vaccinated and COVID-19 infection and death rates decline.

But many U.S. military bases are maintaining their health protection guidelines despite changes outside their gates. Officials at Tyndall Air Force Base, in Florida, and Fort Hood, in Texas—two states where masks are no longer required off base—told Defense One they have not relaxed or modified any COVID-19-related rules

Sports:

“Mizzou announces more non-conference additions, rescheduled games”

Saturday down South, May 6

<https://www.saturdaydownsouth.com/mizzou-football/mizzou-announces-more-non-conference-additions-rescheduled-game/>

Mizzou is filling out its non-conference. In addition to the rescheduled Louisiana game the team also announced dates for games with Army, San Diego State, Colorado and BYU.

Mizzou will welcome Army West Point to Columbia twice, first on Oct. 13, 2029, and next on Oct. 15, 2033. The Tigers own a 3-1 series lead over the Black Knights, last winning 23-10 on Sept. 11, 1982, in Columbia. The Tigers are 3-0 all-time against Army at Memorial Stadium.

“Baseball Outlasted in Extra Innings by Army West Point”

Fordahm Sports, May 5

<https://fordhamsports.com/news/2021/5/5/baseball-outlasted-in-extra-innings-by-army-west-point.aspx>

Bronx, N.Y. – (May 5, 2021) – Army's Nick Manesis scored four runs and drove in a pair, while Tnner Gresham tossed 1.2 innings of scoreless relief, as the Black Knights outlasted the Fordham Rams, 11-8, in 10 innings at a rain-soaked Houlihan Park.

After raining in the morning and into the afternoon, the sky dried up just in time to start the game with Army jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first on a two-run home run by Nick Manesis, his fifth of the season.

Fordham then tied the game at two in the second. Zach Selinger was hit by a pitch and scored on a triple by Colton Snelling. He then scored on a ground out by Michael Taylor.

The Rams then took the lead, scoring once in the third and fifth innings to go up by a 4-2 count on RBI-ground outs from Jason Coules and Alvin Melendez.

“Patriot League Women’s Lacrosse Semifinal Round Preview”

Patriot League, May 5

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/5/5/patriot-league-womens-lacrosse-semifinal-round-preview-5-5-21.aspx>

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – The 2021 Patriot League Women’s Lacrosse Championship continues

on Thursday, May 6, with a pair of semifinals games at Loyola Maryland's Ridley Athletic Complex in Baltimore, Md.

The overall No. 1 seed Loyola Maryland (9-2, 5-0 PL, 4-0 South) will host Colgate (5-5, 3-4 PL, 3-1 North) after the Raiders downed Boston University, 15-13, in Monday's North Division quarterfinal. Live coverage of the Greyhounds and Raiders will begin at 3 p.m. on ESPN+.

North Division champion Army West Point (5-3, 5-2 PL, 4-0 North) will play South Division quarterfinal winner Lehigh (8-3, 6-1 PL, 3-1 South), after the Mountain Hawks 13-12 overtime win over Navy on Monday. The opening draw between the Black Knights and Mountain Hawks is scheduled for 7 p.m. on ESPN+.

Alumni:

"This West Point Grad and NFL All-Pro Just Got Signed by the Baltimore Ravens"

Military.com, May 5, James Barber

<https://www.military.com/off-duty/2021/05/05/west-point-grad-and-nfl-all-pro-just-got-signed-baltimore-ravens.html>

Alejandro Villanueva, who made the NFL All-Pro team twice during his six seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, signed a two-year free agent contract with the Steelers' AFC North division rivals, the Baltimore Ravens.

Villanueva, 32, will move from left tackle to right tackle and is expected to start for the Ravens in 2021. His new deal reportedly is for a total of \$14 million

The 6-foot-9 offensive tackle played several positions on both sides of the ball at West Point before starting his military service. Villanueva rose to the rank of captain during his Army career, served as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan and was awarded a Bronze Star for rescuing soldiers under fire.

"The Second Man on the Moon Wants You to Know That Tang Sucks"

Military.com, May 6, Blake Stilwell

<https://www.military.com/history/second-man-moon-wants-you-know-tang-sucks.html>

Tang, the orange-flavored drink mix that intrepid American astronauts took into space, wasn't selling so well until it famously went into orbit. And there's at least one astronaut who wishes it never left the ground.

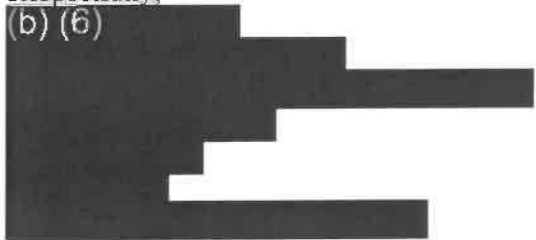
Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second person to step foot on the moon, told the audience of the 2013 Spike TV Guys Choice awards that "Tang sucks."

The famous West Point graduate and Air Force astronaut was not only the second man on the moon, he was a combat pilot in the Korean War. After notching two MiG kills in 66 combat missions, he earned a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and joined NASA. So if Buzz Aldrin says Tang sucks, he's probably right.

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DOD:

12 MAY: GEN John M. Murray, CG of AFC, and Mr. Douglas R. Bush, acting ASA (ALT)/AAE, will speak at the McAleese FY22 Defense Programs Conference on Army modernization.

12 MAY: LTG Gary Brito, DCS of G-1, will testify before the SASC Subcommittee on Personnel during the personnel posture hearing, along with the other personnel service chiefs.

12 MAY: LTG Thomas Todd, AFC DCG for Acquisition and Systems Management, will participate in a virtual plenary session panel at the 18th Annual Acquisition Research Symposium.

12 MAY: LTG Laura Richardson, CG of ARNORTH, will participate in the Fiesta San Antonio media day, an event for members of the media to meet with city officials and members of the military.

12 MAY: SMA Michael Grinston will visit Fort Sill to engage with Army leaders and Soldiers on quality of life initiatives, People First priorities and Army culture.

13 MAY: Acting Secretary John Whitley will visit Fort Carson to engage with Army leaders and Soldiers on Army priorities. Reporter Steve Trimble (Aviation Week) will travel with him there and on to the EDGE 21 demonstration at DPG the following day.

13 MAY: CSA GEN James McConville will host UK Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carleton-Smith during Army Day, and will participate in the FY22 McAleese's Defense Programs Virtual Conference.

Leading News:

"Rep. Green introduces bill to ban critical race theory at U.S. military service academies"

FOX17, May 11

<https://fox17.com/news/local/tennessee-congressman-introduces-bill-to-ban-critical-race-theory-at-us-military-service-mark-green-school-racism-white-privilege>

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WZTV) — A week after Tennessee lawmakers voted to essentially ban critical race theory from being taught in its schools, Republican Rep. Mark Green, R-Tenn., introduced a bill to do the same at U.S. military service academies.

Rep. Green, a United States Military Academy at West Point graduate, says he is "fighting back" over a "massive" "misunderstanding" of American history.

He has introduced a bill that would block critical race theory from being taught at military academies.

“Critical Race Theory is based on a massive and purposeful misunderstanding of the American founding, American history, and America as it exists today. This is a Marxist ideology created to tear American institutions down. It teaches Americans and members of the Armed Services to judge one another by the color of their skin instead of by the “content of their character.” America should never go back to this kind of thinking. A curriculum based on Critical Race Theory seeks to divide Americans instead of unite them.”

Senior Leaders:

“Army Brass Noncommittal on Push to Remove COs from Sexual Assault Prosecution Decisions”

Military.com, May 11, Patricia Kime

[Army Brass Noncommittal on Push to Remove COs from Sexual Assault Prosecution Decisions | Military.com](#)

The Army's top uniformed and civilian leaders said Monday they are remaining "open-minded" while weighing a proposal that commanders be removed from the process of deciding whether to prosecute sexual assaults.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville and Acting Secretary John Whitley said the service is examining the recommendations of an independent review panel as well as the data and analysis behind the decision before giving Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin their opinion.

But, McConville said during a discussion hosted by the Atlantic Council, the service is "open-minded" about the independent review and proposed legislation that would require the Defense Department to make the change.

"Everyone is concerned about sexual harassment, sexual assault in the Army, in the military, and we tragically lost Vanessa Guillen, which, quite frankly, broke my heart," McConville said. "I talked to her mother at the memorial service, and I made a pledge to her that we would put in place procedures that would help make this better."

US Army:

“3 Soldiers Stationed At Fort Campbell Charged With Funneling Guns To Chicago; Prosecutors Say Some Were Used In Mass Shooting In March”

CBS2 Chicago, May 11m Charlie De Mar

<https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2021/05/11/soldiers-fort-campbell-charged-gun-trafficking-mass-shooting-chicago/>

CHICAGO (CBS) — Three U.S. Army soldiers who took an oath to defend this country stood charged Tuesday night with running guns to Chicago.

As CBS 2's Charlie De Mar reported, some of those weapons were linked to a recent mass shooting.

Demarcus Adams, 21; Jarius Brunson, 22; and Brandon Miller, 22, were charged Tuesday with conspiracy and other offenses by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District of Tennessee.

They are accused of funneling guns back to the city from Fort Campbell on the Kentucky-Tennessee line where they are stationed.

The three soldiers were arrested Tuesday morning by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division.

"Army Wants 485K Active-Duty Soldiers, the Force It Had on 9/11"

Military.com, May 11, Patricia Kime

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/05/11/army-wants-grow-485k-active-duty-soldiers-force-it-had-9-11.html>

The Army is focusing on supporting and maintaining an active-duty force of 485,000 -- the same size the service was on 9/11 but smaller than Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville previously said he wants.

Speaking with Acting Army Secretary John Whitley at a forum hosted by the Atlantic Council on Monday, McConville said they "have agreed ... [that we're] not going to grow the Army above 485,000-ish with the resources that we're anticipating now."

Combined with Army Reserve and National Guard forces numbering slightly more than 500,000, it's a "million-person force" that serves as an "anchor" on which to base the service's planning and resources, McConville said.

Just last week, McConville told the House Appropriations defense subcommittee that he believes the Army needs a force of 540,000 to 550,000 active-duty personnel but "recognizes that, quite frankly, we just can't afford that."

"What we must do is keep the force we have ready," he added.

As of March 31, the Army had 483,742 active-duty members, 187,260 reservists and 335,741 National Guard members.

The 485,000 projected number marks a flattening of Army active-duty end strength and allows the service to focus on modernization of equipment and weapons and supporting ongoing operations in the Middle East and elsewhere, McConville said.

Diversity & Inclusion:

"Military parents would get 12 weeks of leave to care for new children under congressional proposal"

Military Times, May 11, Leo Shane III

[Military parents would get 12 weeks of leave to care for new children under congressional proposal \(militarytimes.com\)](https://militarytimes.com)

All military parents would get 12 weeks of family leave to care for a new child and would see increased flexibility in how they use that time off under a new legislative proposal introduced

on Tuesday.

The Servicemember Parental Leave Equity Act, backed by bipartisan group 31 House members, would cover both primary and secondary caregivers, significantly boosting the unpaid leave available to each under current military rules.

Supporters said the measure would bring military parental leave policies in line with other federal employees who saw their benefits boosted by Congress in recent years.

“Parental leave for military servicemembers is absurdly out of touch and outdated when compared to federal benefits and options provided by many private, large employers,” Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif, chairwoman of the House Armed Services Committee’s personnel panel, said in a statement.

“New parents need time to bond with their children after birth, adoption, or foster placement. Servicemembers are no exception.”

Under current military rules, women giving birth are allowed up to six weeks of maternity convalescent leave, and a household’s primary caregiver can receive an additional six weeks of paternity leave.

USCC:

“Sonoman honored as a top West Point graduate”

Sonoma News, May 11

<https://www.sonomanews.com/article/news/sonoman-honored-as-a-top-west-point-graduate/>

Cadet Mathieu Sanders, son of Joanne and Morgan Sanders of Sonoma, will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy on May 22. He will also receive the Superintendent’s Award which signifies that he is in the top 15 percent of his class across all fields of achievement, according to university staff.

Sanders graduated from Justin-Siena High School in Napa in 2017 and reported for duty that July. He graduates with a bachelor of science degree in life science, along with a nuclear engineering sequence. In addition to his intense courses of study, Sanders competed as a member of the West Point water polo team and excelled in the arena of diving where he attained the position of supervisor along with a master diver certification.

“Military training conducted at West Point”

Mid-Hudson News, May 11

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2021/05/12/military-training-conducted-at-west-point-2/>

WEST POINT – Area residents can expect to hear summer training activities conducted on the military installation beginning now through mid-August to include areas in and around Camp Buckner and Lake Frederick.

Training is conducted to simulate the physical and mental challenges cadets will face when they become officers in the U.S. Army. Realistic training has inherent risks and the safety and welfare of the entire West Point community is the academy’s top priority.

Training opportunities for the cadets include infantry operations, artillery firing, weapons training, aviation operations, military engineering projects, training in field communications, demolitions, and survival skills techniques.

Dean:

“Corpus Christi native, West Point cadet and Stanford graduate student Kalista Schauer selected as Knight-Hennessy Scholar”

KIITV News, May 11, Haley Williams

[Corpus Christi native selected as Knight-Hennessy Scholar | kiiitv.com](#)

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Corpus Christi native and West Point Cadet Kalista Schauer is making her mark on the world of physics. Schauer received one of higher education's most distinguished honors when she was recently selected as a Stanford University Knight-Hennessy Scholar.

The Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program, the largest fully endowed scholarship program in the world, is designed to build a diverse community of Stanford graduate students dedicated to finding creative solutions to the world's greatest challenges.

The program annually identifies a group of up to 100 high-achieving students from around the world with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment to receive full funding to pursue a wide-ranging graduate education at Stanford, with the goal of developing a new generation of global leaders.

“Army and Navy teams compete in first annual AWS DeepRacer competition”

Market Screener, May 11

<https://www.marketscreener.com/quote/stock/AMAZON-COM-INC-12864605/news/Amazon-com-nbsp-Army-and-Navy-teams-compete-in-first-annual-AWS-DeepRacer-competition-33227705/>

AWS DeepRacer-powered by AWS RoboMaker-helps individuals of all skill levels get hands-on experience with machine learning in interactive competitions.

The rivalry between the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy is one of the most enduring in college football, dating back to their first game in 1899. Each year, the football teams from each academy compete in a game that has become a well-loved tradition in college sports. The century-old rivalry, while friendly, is intense, with the victor earning bragging rights for the year. The game itself embodies the spirit of the inter-service rivalry of the U.S. armed forces. Even the mascots (the Navy Goat and Army Mule) participate in the rivalry by playing pranks on each other.

“NCDMM Appoints John Schmitt as Executive Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation and Integration Center”

News Wire, May 11

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ncdmm-appoints-john-schmitt-as-executive-director-of-the-advanced-manufacturing-innovation-and-integration-center-301289400.html>

BLAIRSVILLE, Pa. and HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 12, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM) proudly announces the

appointment of John Schmitt as the Executive Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation and Integration Center (AMIIC), a new Limited Liability Company (LLC) based in Huntsville, Alabama.

"The NCDMM team has had the privilege of working with John throughout his career as a U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Officer and afterwards," said Gary Fleegle, NCDMM President and CEO. "John is a high-caliber professional with advanced manufacturing expertise, the strategic vision, and natural leadership abilities necessary to carry out AMIIC's mission and establish it as an advanced manufacturing center of excellence in Northern Alabama. He is a dynamic individual, who is committed to and engaged in the community of Huntsville. We are proud to welcome John to our leadership team."

Prior to moving to Huntsville, Mr. Schmitt was an Assistant Professor and Course Director within the Department of Chemistry and Life Science at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

COVID:

"Federal employees can get time off if they have reaction to COVID-19 vaccine"

Federal News Network, May 11, Eric White

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/federal-newscast/2021/05/federal-employees-can-get-time-off-if-they-have-reaction-to-covid-19-vaccine/>

Agencies can grant administrative leave to federal employees who have an adverse reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine. Employees can get up to two days of leave to recover from each dose if they have a reaction. The guidance comes from the Biden administration's Safer Federal Workforce Task Force. Employees who need more than two days can consider requesting time off through the new Emergency Paid Leave Program if it's available. The Office of Personnel Management is operating a temporary paid leave fund for the vast majority of federal employees.

Sports:

"Report: Army and Notre Dame to play in 2024"

FB Schedules, May 11, Kevin Kelley

<https://fbschedules.com/report-army-and-notre-dame-to-play-in-2024/>

The Army Black Knights and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish will play in 2024, according to a report by Sal Interdonato of Black Knight Nation.

Army and Notre Dame will likely meet at a neutral-site location, and Yankee Stadium in Bronx, N.Y., is the "front runner to host the 52nd meeting between Army and Notre Dame" per the report.

Army and Notre Dame, both Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Independents, first met on the gridiron on Nov. 1, 1913 at Army's parade field, The Plain, in West Point, N.Y. The Fighting Irish defeated the Black Knights in that contest, 35-13.

In their most recent matchup in 2016 in South Bend, Ind., the Fighting Irish defeated the Black Knights 44-6 to extend their lead in the overall series to 39-8-4. Army has not defeated Notre

Dame since a 14-2 victory in South Bend in 1958.

“Patriot League Baseball Players of the Week Announced”

Patriot League, May 11

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/5/11/patriot-league-baseball-players-of-the-week-announced-5-11-21.aspx>

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – Lehigh junior right-handed pitcher Mason Black and junior infielder Gerard Sweeney were named Patriot League Pitcher and Player of the Week, respectively, when the League announced weekly honors on Tuesday. Navy freshman infielder Eduardo Diaz earned rookie of the week.

Black was named Patriot League Baseball Pitcher of the Week for the fourth time this season. He tossed his second-consecutive 7.0-inning, complete-game shutout in Lehigh's 5-0 win over Holy Cross on Saturday.

Sweeney claimed Patriot League Baseball Player of the Week honors by driving in six runs to help the Mountain Hawks take three out of four games against Holy Cross to earn the top seed in the Patriot League Baseball Championship.

Diaz collected Patriot League Baseball Rookie of the Week honors after driving in the game-winning runs in extra innings with a three-run double to help the Mids clinch the No. 4 seed in the Patriot League Baseball Championship.

Army West Point junior RHP Anthony LoRicco, Holy Cross senior LHP Luke Dawson and sophomore OF Ben Dellacono, Lafayette junior RHP Kyle Subers and junior SS Justin Johnson, and Navy junior 1B Zach Stevens and sophomore Charlie Connolly all received weekly honorable mentions for their performances last week.

Alumni:

“USC president offers to resign, board chair doesn't accept it”

News19, May 11

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/local/bob-caslen-offered-resign-board-didnt-accept/101-e91f338f-73f9-4a53-85a4-342aa5e51ab6>

COLUMBIA, S.C. — University of South Carolina President Bob Caslen offered to resign his job over two controversies involving last weekend's graduation but the chairman of the school's board of trustees rejected it.

UofSC spokesman Jeff Stensland confirmed Caslen made the offer verbally but that Dorn Smith did not take it, meaning Caslen is still the head of the school.

Caslen's problems involve his remarks at the commencement ceremony held last Friday night at Williams-Brice Stadium. Caslen's first irked graduates and attendees when he told graduates, moments after they turned their tassels on their caps, "it's now my honor and privilege to officially congratulate you as the newest alumni from the University of California."

“TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE: The history of Cowntown”

Herald Democrat, May 11, Ken Bridges

<https://www.heralddemocrat.com/story/news/2021/05/11/texas-history-minute-history-cowtown/5045784001/>

The City of Fort Worth, a beloved Texas city sometimes known as “Cowtown” or “Where the West Begins,” has a storied past that has helped shape the history of the state. However, the name behind the city was a legend in its own right. Gen. William Jenkins Worth was a distinguished officer and war hero who fought for the Texas and the nation.

Worth was born in the small community of Hudson, New York, in 1794. His parents were devout Quakers, and his father made a comfortable living as a merchant ship captain. When the War of 1812 erupted, the younger Worth enlisted in the army. Though Quakers are typically pacifists, Worth nevertheless decided for a life of adventure and service to the country in the army.

However, Worth was still determined to serve in the army. So impressed with his bravery and determination, he was named Commandant of Cadets at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1816 as a major. As commandant, Worth instilled the lessons of duty and honor into the aspiring young officers. He taught the importance of never excusing a dishonorable act in another officer and the necessity of integrity in all matters, to keep one’s word no matter what. His essays on honor are still required reading for West Point cadets.

“Hiring heroes: Why veterans make great tech employees”

Fast Company, May 11

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90634675/hiring-heroes-why-veterans-make-great-tech-employees>

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. unemployment rate was at a 50-year low. Competition for talent was intense, nowhere more so than in the technology sector. Even after the pandemic hit, more than half of businesses polled for the Harvey Nash/KPMG CIO Survey said they still faced a technology skills shortage. As the economy heats back up, employers will struggle to land the best-qualified workers. Military veterans are a valuable resource they should not overlook.

“More than 200,000 veterans enter civilian life each year, swelling the talent pool with candidates who’ve acquired core military skills, such as leadership and the ability to foster teamwork and put mission over self,” says Hari Kolam, CEO of Findem, which uses an AI-powered platform to help companies build better workforces. “Chances are veterans have picked up tech skills in any positions they held.”

The value that military veterans bring as employees comes as no surprise to companies such as Boeing, which has been tapping this resource for years. “Veterans are not only critical to Boeing’s success, but we also bring technical skills, diverse viewpoints, and unique experiences that make us valuable resources for other employers,” says U.S. Army veteran and West Point alum Jason Pak, director, Boeing Global Engagement.

Other:

“Naval Academy May Repair Sea Walls To Protect The Yard: Report”

Patch.com, May 11, Jacob Baumgart

<https://patch.com/maryland/annapolis/naval-academy-may-repair-sea-walls-protect-yard-report>

ANNAPOLIS, MD — The military may repair its Annapolis seawalls that protect the U.S. Naval Academy and the Severn River Navy station, the Capital Gazette reported on May 4. Journalist Heather Mongilio noted that this would restore aging structures and protect the properties from sea-level rise.

The Capital explained that the Navy started developing a resiliency plan last September, but the proposal could take 16 months total to finish. The phased construction would then take 10 to 20 years, Mongilio added.

The news outlet mentioned that the Navy is considering four potential builds of varying strengths. The most resilient option would combat 75 years of sea-level rise, Mongilio wrote.

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DOD:

18 MAY: GEN Paul LaCamera will appear before the SASC for a hearing on his nomination to be commander of United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea.

18 MAY: LTG Stephen G. Fogarty, CG of U.S. Army Cyber Command, and MG Neil Hersey, CG of the Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon, will speak at AFCEA's TechNet Augusta.

18 MAY: MG Thomas Solhjem, Army Chief of Chaplains, will participate on a panel called "Promoting Connectedness, Sharing Tools and Practices: Working Together to Prevent Suicide" at the 2021 DOD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference.

18 MAY: SMA Michael Grinston will speak at the grand opening of the Ft. Belvoir Armed Forces Wellness Center.

18 MAY: Personnel from 1st BCT/82nd Airborne Division, Network CFT and PEO C3T will conduct an interview with Sydney Freedberg (Breaking Defense) on lessons learned from the unit's recent JRTC rotation with new integrated tactical network capability.

19 MAY: Mr. Christopher Lowman, senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

Leading News:

"Honor and Loyalty"

City Journal, May 17, Steve Cohen

<https://www.city-journal.org/west-point-cheating-scandal-shows-need-to-balance-honor-loyalty>

Last spring, the United States Military Academy suffered its worst cheating scandal in 40 years, when 73 cadets, many of them athletes, were accused of collaborating on a take-home calculus exam. Fourteen cadets left the academy, six were exonerated or saw the charges dropped, and the rest were held back for a semester or a full year. In response, senior West Point officials took an extraordinary step: they admitted that an adjustment they had made to the academy's fabled honor code had failed. While the impetus for that adjustment was understandable, it failed because it sought to take a shortcut around two important but competing values.

At the heart of West Point's values is the honor code, which says, "Cadets will not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do." Cadets enjoyed due-process protections, but convicted

violators faced swift and harsh punishment—typically expulsion, followed by a multiyear period of enlisted service in the Army to pay back the investment that the country had made in the errant cadet.

In 2015, the academy introduced a policy that made the code more lenient: “willful admission,” which allowed cadets to avoid expulsion by acknowledging their participation in an honor-code violation. Cadets were encouraged to confront other cadets whom they suspected of cheating in the hope that offenders would self-report to avoid punishment.

“Rep. Waltz to Newsmax TV: Destructive to Teach Cadets About White Rage, Critical Race Theory”

WBAP News Talk, May 17

<https://www.wbap.com/news/rep-waltz-to-newsmax-tv-destructive-to-teach-cadets-about-white-rage-critical-race-theory/>

Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., says it’s hypocritical of the U.S. military to fire a U.S. Space Force commander for saying Marxism is infiltrating the military yet West Point is teaching its cadets “how to deal with your white rage and criminal race theory.”

“I can’t think of anything more divisive than turning cadets against each other based on their skin color,” Waltz, a Virginia Military Institute grad, said Monday during an appearance on Newsmax TV’s “Spicer & Co.”

“I learned that you bleed green, your only skin color is camouflage, you’re mission-focused, merit-based and focused on winning our nation’s war regardless of race, religion or socio-economic background. I can tell you the enemies’ bullets can give a damn about it; they are only worried about (the fact) that we are American and that’s what we need to be focused on.”

His comments follow the firing of Lt Col. Matthew Lohmeier, commander of 11th Space Warning Squadron at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., who was relieved of duty last week for public comments he made about his book, “Irresistible Revolution: Marxism’s Goal of Conquest & the Unmaking of the American Military,” during an appearance on the conservative podcast, “Information Operation.”

Senior Leaders:

“Amid lingering reports of sexual harassment in ranks, Biden to address Coast Guard cadets”

McClatchy News, May. 17, Kevin G. Hall

<https://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/investigations/article251412298.html>

A growing debate over the ability of the armed services to investigate sexual assault and harassment provides a backdrop of controversy to President Joe Biden’s commencement address this week at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. It comes amid a high-profile case at the academy.

Legislation is being drafted in both chambers of Congress that would put an independent body in charge of investigations into military sex crimes. This would bring changes to all branches of the armed services.

Coast Guard leadership had been under scrutiny for more than 18 months after the December 2019 release of a congressional report about mishandling of assault and harassment complaints. The service and its elite rescue swimmer program were also the focus of a year-long series of stories, “Silenced No More” in 2020 by the Miami Herald and McClatchy.

“Pentagon weighs keeping Trump-era change to ‘psychological operations’”

Politico, May 17, Betsy Woodruff Swan and Lara Seligman

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/05/17/pentagon-weighs-trump-change-489109>

In the final months of the Trump administration, then-Defense Secretary Mark Esper quietly moved to let the military run influence campaigns — often called “psyops” — more quickly and with less time for input from the State Department.

The policy change, which eight people described to POLITICO, highlights tension between military leaders and diplomats about how the U.S. handles gray-area operations that fall short of all-out war.

And now, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is weighing whether to maintain the change in policy, according to a senior defense official.

The rule change comes as U.S. troops are withdrawing from Afghanistan and the military shifts its focus to stand-offs with Russia and China — the kind of conflict where information operations are at the frontlines. It is unclear, however, whether Pentagon officials have used the new fast-track authority to conduct recent operations, and a top member of Congress overseeing the Pentagon said he was unaware of any such moves.

“Top U.S. general warns of broader destabilization risk from Israel-Palestinian hostilities”

Reuters, May 17,

<https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/news/top-u-general-warns-broader-210111391.html>

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The top U.S. military officer, Army General Mark Milley, warned on Monday of the risk of broader destabilization beyond Gaza without a de-escalation in the fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants.

After more than a week of fighting, Milley noted Israel's actions were in self-defense but also cautioned that the levels of violence were such that "it's in no one's interest to continue fighting."

"My assessment is that you risk broader destabilization and you risk a whole series of negative consequences if the fighting continues," Milley told reporters shortly before landing in Brussels for talks with NATO allies.

"So in my view, I think de-escalation is a smart course of action at this point for all parties concerned."

US Army:

“US Army aviation exercise unveils unprecedented progress as service preps for future war”

Defense News, May 17, Jen Judson

<https://www.defensenews.com/smr/project-convergence/2021/05/17/us-army-aviation-exercise-unveils-unprecedented-progress-as-service-preps-for-future-war/>

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah — Aircrew in the back of a Black Hawk helicopter performing an air assault mission typically have limited information on the status and layout of a landing zone. But a two-weeklong exercise in the Utah desert gave those aboard three UH-60L helos unprecedented intelligence as they raced to their objective.

The crew at exercise Edge 21 received Integrated Visual Augmentation System, or IVAS, goggles as well as tablets that allowed them to see through aircraft and provided to-the-minute mission updates based on real-time intelligence collected from air-launched effects sensors.

“You got an update before you got on an aircraft and then flew for a half hour, 45 minutes, maybe an hour. Whatever it was, it was what it was when you got there,” Army Futures Command chief Gen. Mike Murray said of typical air assault operations. “The ability to understand what has changed since you got on an aircraft and to communicate amongst aircraft, among that squad or platoon — it’s an amazing change.”

And that was just one vignette from the intricate, aviation-focused exercise that will feed into a bigger campaign of learning this fall called Project Convergence.

“Need a break from the Army? This program may help”

Army Times, May 17, Davis Winkie

<https://www.armytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2021/05/17/need-a-break-from-the-army-this-program-may-help/>

Need to take care of your parents? Want to go to law school? Interested in starting a family? The Army is providing a new path for soldiers to take a break from active duty to “take care of life,” as one brochure puts it.

The Army’s now-permanent Career Intermission Program allows eligible active duty soldiers and AGR Army Reserve troops to request as long as three years of time away from full-time service.

Acting Army Secretary John Whitley signed a directive May 6 formally establishing the program.

“The long-term intent of the CIP is to retain the valuable investment in experience and training the Army would otherwise lose when Soldiers separate permanently,” said Whitley in the directive.

Preliminary versions of the program have been around since Congress initially authorized it as a retention tool in 2009. The Navy was the first service to implement it as a retention tool, and the Army began experimenting with the concept in 2014.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“More Female Soldiers Are Passing the ACFT, But Their Scores Still Trail Men's”

Military.com, May 17, Steve Beynon

More Female Soldiers Are Passing the ACFT, But Their Scores Still Trail Men's | Military.com

Fewer women are failing the Army's new fitness test since soldiers first started taking the Army Combat Fitness Test, or ACFT, Military.com has learned.

"We're seeing that on average, your score increases the more times you take it," Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston said in a tweet Friday. "Likely just getting familiar with the flow and events. There are also simple tricks (like eating during the test) that people are learning."

Data from the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC, shows the fail rate for women in 2019 was 79% and dipped to 60% in 2020. The data was compiled in April 2020 and was given to Military.com last week through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Yet women still score 114 points below men on average. The maximum score is 600. TRADOC data reports the male fail rate in 2019 was 28%, compared to 16% in February 2020.

Last week, Military.com reported 44% of women are still failing the ACFT, compared to just 7% of men, based on Army data from April 2021 -- a slight increase from last year's TRADOC numbers. The updated data took into account a change in March that allowed soldiers to perform a plank of at least two minutes in lieu of leg tucks. In the leg tuck event, which requires significant upper-body strength, the fail rate for women is 41%.

Admissions:

"Lacing up for West Point, Buchanan senior Austin Gillen eyes to follow in his grandfather's footsteps"

The Sun, May 17, Daniel Gligich

<https://sjvsun.com/news/clovis/lacing-up-for-west-point-buchanan-senior-austin-gillen-eyes-to-follow-in-his-grandfathers-footsteps/>

Buchanan High School senior Austin Gillen will soon be making the leap into military service following his graduation.

Gillen is one of four Clovis Unified School District students who have been accepted into one of the military academies.

His school of choice is the Army Academy at West Point, which was a personal decision for him based on his family's history.

"I really want to continue my grandfather's legacy," Gillen said. "He was called in to serve for World War II, and I want to carry it on."

Following in his grandfather's footsteps has been a lifelong dream for Gillen.

"I've been thinking about this probably since I was a little kid," Gillen said. "I always wanted to do this. I always wanted to join the academy."

Dean:

“Fairfax Army Cadet Awarded Scholarship To Study At Oxford”

MSN, May 17, Michael O'Connell

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/careersandeducation/fairfax-army-cadet-awarded-scholarship-to-study-at-oxford/ar-BB1gPyur>

FAIRFAX CITY, VA — Denton Knight of Fairfax recently earned a Barry Scholarship, becoming the first cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to receive this distinction. Knight, a member of the academy's Class of 2021, is majoring in International Affairs with a Persian minor.

“National and international scholarship competitions continue to recognize the hard work and dedication of our cadets,” said U.S. Military Academy Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Cindy Jebb, in a release. “We are incredibly proud of Cadet Knight; he is an outstanding young scholar. His graduate work will enable him to make significant contributions as a future leader in the U.S. Army.”

Funded by the John and Daria Barry Foundation, the Barry Scholarship is awarded to graduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are nominated by their professors and the award supports the students' studies at Oxford University for two years.

COVID:

“New York Lifts Mask Requirements for the Vaccinated, California Waits”

Reuters, May 17, Jonathan Allen

<https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2021-05-17/new-york-ends-covid-19-mask-requirements-for-vaccinated-people>

NEW YORK (Reuters) -New York state this week will drop face mask requirements in most public spaces for people vaccinated against COVID-19, conforming with the latest U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Monday.

In California, Governor Gavin Newsom said his state would keep its mask order in place for another month, despite the CDC's new recommendations.

Cuomo and Newsom, both Democrats, have drawn criticism for their handling of the coronavirus pandemic. Newsom faces a Republican-led recall election.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, also a Democrat, said he would lift mask restrictions outdoors but keep in place a mandate to wear them indoors. Murphy said schools would be required to provide full-time, in-person classroom instruction again in the fall.

“New York governor outlines new COVID mask guidance and more reopening plans”

CBS News, May 17, Staff Writer

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/new-york-governor-outlines-new-covid-mask-guidance-and-more-reopening-plans/vi-BB1gQg9i?ocid=BingNewsSearch>

Vaccinated New Yorkers can ditch their masks, even indoors, the New York City Marathon is coming back and Radio City Music Hall will reopen to vaccinated audiences, Governor

Andrew Cuomo said Monday in a flurry of announcements intended to accelerate the state's reopening. CBS New York has all the details.

“COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy higher among soldiers, Black service members, study shows”

Military Times, May 17, Harm Venhuizen

[COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy higher among soldiers, Black service members, study shows \(militarytimes.com\)](https://www.militarytimes.com/story/news/health/2021/05/17/covid-19-vaccine-hesitancy-higher-among-soldiers-black-service-members-study-shows/7500000001/)

Service members' decisions on whether or not to get vaccinated vary significantly between different demographic groupings, according to a new military study. In addition to race, ethnicity, and age, researchers found that initiation of the vaccine process varied by branch of service, occupational specialty, and level of education.

Between the four military branches, the Army had the lowest rate of vaccination. Marines were 52 percent more likely to get vaccinated than soldiers. Sailors and airmen were respectively 45 percent and 15 percent more likely.

Black service members were least likely to choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as female service members and those with lower ranks and education levels. Research surveying the civilian population also suggests high rates of vaccine hesitancy among Black Americans.

During the term of the study, 29 percent of white service members initiated the vaccine process, while only 25.5 percent of Hispanic and 18.7 percent of Black service members across the military chose to do so.

Sports:

“Patriot League Announces 2021 Softball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and All-Academic Team”

Patriot League, May 17

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/5/17/patriot-league-announces-2021-softball-scholar-athlete-of-the-year-and-all-academic-team-5-17-21.aspx>

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – Lehigh junior Carley Barjaktarovich was named the Patriot League Softball Scholar-Athlete and was one of the student-athletes on the 12-member Academic All-League team, when it announced by the League office Friday. Earlier this week, Barjaktarovich was named the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year.

All seven institutions were represented on the academic team, with Boston University leading the way with three student-athletes. Colgate, Lafayette and Lehigh each placed two representatives each on the team, while Army West Point, Bucknell and Holy Cross rounded out the team with one apiece.


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DOD:

20 MAY: CSA GEN James McConville will deliver remarks at the virtual African Land Forces Summit.

20 MAY: GEN John M. Murray, CG of AFC, will be interviewed by Michael Gordon (Wall Street Journal) on Army modernization.

20 MAY: LTG Leslie C. Smith, the 66th Inspector General, will speak at the University of Virginia Army ROTC commissioning ceremony in Charlottesville, Virginia.

20 May: MG Andrew M. Rohling, CG of U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa and DCG of U.S. Army Europe and Africa, will discuss the virtual Africa Land Forces Summit during a press briefing moderated by the DoS Africa Regional Media Hub.

20 MAY: MG Pete Gallagher, director of the Network CFT, will be interviewed by Andrew Eversden (C4ISRNET) to discuss Army network modernization progress and momentum.

20 MAY: Retired COL Ralph Puckett Jr., Medal of Honor recipient, and others will participate in a media day to talk about his courageous actions during combat in the Korean War.

21 MAY: Acting Secretary John Whitley, CSA GEN James McConville and SMA Michael Grinston will attend the White House Medal of Honor award ceremony honoring retired COL Ralph Puckett Jr.

21 MAY: Mr. Christopher Lowman, senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

Leading News:

“Biden to award 1st Medal of Honor to retired Georgia colonel”

The Associated Press, May 19, Darlene Superville

<https://apnews.com/article/georgia-government-and-politics-18325417dc5ac14d439b704ac16cc9e1>

President Joe Biden will award his first Medal of Honor this week to a retired colonel for acts of bravery during the Korean War, the White House announced Wednesday.

Biden will bestow the nation’s most prestigious military honor on retired Col. Ralph Puckett Jr., who held Hill 205, a strategic position near Unsan, over two days in November 1950 while fighting off numerous attacks during the battle in which he endured multiple wounds.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in will attend the ceremony, the White House said. Moon will be in Washington for a summit with Biden at the White House on Friday.

Puckett's Medal of Honor was made possible under the 2020 defense policy bill, which lifted a requirement that such awards be made within five years of the commission of the act of valor for which the individual is being recognized. The five-year limit was waived for Puckett and three other U.S. service members. Puckett's nomination still had to be approved by the defense secretary and president

Senior Leaders:

"Joe Biden singles out Russia and China in commencement address"

CNN, May 20

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2021/05/19/joe-biden-russia-china-coast-guard-graduation-ip-vpx.cnn>

President Joe Biden singled out competition with Russia and China as part of his vision for the military branch's role in national security as he addressed the United States Coast Guard Academy's 2021 graduating class.

US Army:

"3rd Special Forces Group spokesman Tweet triggers suspension, inquiry"

Army Times, May 19, Davis Winkie

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2021/05/19/3rd-special-forces-group-spokesman-tweet-triggers-suspension-inquiry/>

The public affairs officer for 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was suspended after tweeting about a woman's cup size from his personal Twitter account, Army officials confirmed Wednesday.

Capt. Rick Dickson posted — and subsequently deleted — a message referring to the size of a friend's breasts in response to an earlier tweet he had made with a photo of the two together.

In an apology video, Dickson and his friend clarified that the cup size comments were intended as a "jab" back at people who were harassing her over her appearance. The friend said in the apology video that Dickson's response to the Twitter comments "did not bother me."

The suspension was first reported by local television station WRAL. Dickson's unit is conducting a commander's inquiry into the matter.

Dickson made the comments from his personal account, but "that doesn't excuse any distasteful or potentially inappropriate language being used," an Army official familiar with the situation said on background.

The official said the investigation is likely evaluating whether Dickson violated Army command policy's social media guidance with his tweet.

“US Army tackles enduring system to counter both drone and cruise missile threats”

Defense News, May 19, Jen Judson

<https://www.defensenews.com/land/2021/05/19/us-army-tackles-enduring-system-to-counter-both-drone-and-cruise-missile-threats/>

The U.S. Army is on a path to choose an enduring system that will counter both drone and cruise missile threats by releasing a solicitation to industry for a prototyping effort and by hosting a shoot-off for two teams at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

The service released a solicitation for prototypes for its Indirect Fires Protection Capability, or IFPC, in April.

According to several sources familiar with the activity, the shoot-off to evaluate possible existing capabilities that can be incorporated into an enduring IFPC solution began in earnest, with one team firing its offering — a combination of a launcher and an interceptor — at White Sands at the end of April.

A second team would have its chance in May.

One team is known to be an Israel-based Rafael and Raytheon Technologies pairing, incorporating elements of Rafael’s Iron Dome and its Tamir interceptor — otherwise known as SkyHunter in the U.S. If chosen, the team would launch production in the United States at a location yet to be disclosed.

The second team is believed to be led by Dynetics, according to sources, but the company did not respond to a request for comment confirming participation. Sources believe the team is using Raytheon’s AIM-9X Sidewinder interceptor as part of the solution.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“The link between extremism and military functioning”

Army Times, May 20, Marek N. Posard, William Marcellino, and Todd Helmus

<https://www.armytimes.com/opinion/commentary/2021/05/20/the-link-between-extremism-and-military-functioning/>

The Department of Defense clearly prohibits service members from actively participating in extremist activities. Now, some are proposing that this policy should be broader and include passive forms of participation like possessing extremist literature.

It’s possible that two problems might arise by broadening policy to include passive forms of extremist activities.

First, there seems to be no clear standard for what is (or is not) extremism. For example, past military training materials have grouped together evangelical Christians, orthodox Judaism, and the Ku Klux Klan as extremism.

“Divide over scope of military’s extremism problem impedes culture, policy changes”

Roll Call, May 20, Mark Satter

<https://www.rollcall.com/2021/05/20/divide-over-scope-of-militarys-extremism-problem-impedes-culture-policy-changes/>

Christopher Warnagiris last week became the fifth servicemember, and the first on active duty, arrested for participating in the Jan. 6 pro-Trump insurrection at the Capitol.

The Marine Corps major is charged with a slew of federal offenses after video and photographs showed him violently storming the Capitol, pushing through a line of police officers guarding the East Rotunda doors and using his body to keep the door open and pull others inside.

His arrest seemingly adds to the growing body of evidence that extremism is fomenting in the military ranks and, according to some lawmakers, defense officials and experts, needs to be addressed.

“People in the white supremacist movement share a mindset that they’re besieged — they feel like they’re in enemy territory. And they recruit veterans to help them fight back,” says Chuck Leek, a Navy veteran who once recruited more than a dozen of his military colleagues to a white supremacist group.

“Racism drove first Vietnamese-born US Army general’s passion for diversity, inclusion”

Stars and Stripes, May 20, Erica Earl

<https://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/racism-drove-first-vietnamese-born-us-army-general-s-passion-for-diversity-inclusion-1.673994>

TOKYO — For the Army’s first Vietnamese-born general officer, the trauma of escaping to America with his family during the Vietnam War was a call to foster a more inclusive military.

Maj. Gen. Viet Luong, commander of U.S. Army Japan, was 9 years old when he fled Vietnam with his family in 1975. He shared his story during a U.S. Army Japan Facebook Live event on Tuesday as part of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Luong faced racism as a young immigrant growing up in Los Angeles, he told Stars and Stripes via email Wednesday. The coupling of his family’s harrowing ordeal in Vietnam and the discrimination he faced drove his passion for diversity and inclusion, he said.

“Just to be honest, the scars from that event are indelible,” he said during the Facebook Live interview. “I don’t like to retell that story all that much, but I think it’s a story that needs to be told because it’s part of who we are as Americans.”

USCC:

“Local women graduating from West Point”

Mansfield Journal, May 19, Monroe Trombly

<https://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/2021/05/20/local-women-graduating-west-point/5148486001/>

MANSFIELD - Two women who hail from the Mansfield area are graduating Saturday from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Charlotte Kuhn and Caitlynn McLaughlin will be commissioned into the U.S. Army at the rank of second lieutenant.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III is this year's commencement speaker.

Kuhn, a 2017 Lexington High School graduate, is graduating from The Point with a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering. She was on the academy's rugby team during the last four years, but didn't see too much playing time due to multiple compound fractures, according to her mother, Sarah.

She'll spend the summer at West Point and work as an assistant to the major who oversees her old regiment.

Dean:

“The Secret Reason America Wins the Wars It Wages”

The Heritage Foundation, May 19, James Jay Carafano

<https://www.heritage.org/defense/commentary/the-secret-reason-america-wins-the-wars-it-wages>

Anyone not gobsmacked by the idea of flying a helicopter on Mars has no soul. The sight of NASA's Ingenuity conducting the first powered flight on another planet should have left all Americans awed—and deeply impressed with themselves.

Innovation, adaption, and creativity may not be an American birthright, but it is surely in the American DNA. Our people have long applied these innovative skills in military affairs, making ingenuity part of the American way of war.

The traditional view of the American military is as a large bureaucratic organization, one in which orders come from the top and are executed at the bottom. There is truth in that. But, there is another face to how Americans fight.

A group of young captains teaching at the U.S. Military Academy offered an interesting case in point. In the baby days of the Internet, they wanted to create an online tool to share combat leadership experience. Once they were up and running, their site sparked a string of clunky cyber contacts, mostly through email. The dialogue left them thinking they were on to something but frustrated that the conversations were not more real-time and interactive, nor could they be easily shared with others.

ACI:

“The biggest global conference on cybersecurity for students”

New Eastern Europe, May 19

<https://neweasterneurope.eu/2021/05/19/the-biggest-global-conference-on-cybersecurity-for-students/>

On May 31st, The Bridge launches its global “Cybersecurity Roadshow 2021-22”. The year-long program includes conferences and discussions between leading global experts and students on cybersecurity.

Speakers for this global encounter with students include Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Chair of the Open Ended Working Group on Cybersecurity (OEWG) and a select group of special guests:

- General (Ret) Keith Alexander, former NSA Director / Commander of US Cyber Command during the Bush and Obama Administrations, Amazon Board Member, Founder and CEO of IronNet Cybersecurity;
- Bruce Schneier, Harvard Kennedy School, cryptographer, security expert, Tor Project Board Member;
- Colonel Jeffrey Erickson, Army Cyber Institute Director, United States Military Academy, West Point

The unexpected story behind this conference includes a report, New Roadmap for Cybersecurity Education, prepared by students from technical universities (IT/engineering), business, law and medical schools, and military academies that was presented to Ambassador Lauber as the contribution from youth leaders to improving global cybersecurity governance through education and awareness by improving university program content in terms of cybersecurity education in the different fields of study

COVID:

“New York COVID restrictions lifted, Cuomo calls changes a ‘milestone’”

Daily News, May 20, Denis Slattery

<https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/new-york-elections-government/ny-cuomo-covid-restrictions-reopening-20210519-ryn7xgtd7nccclowul7aahj4lkq-story.html>

The city that never sleeps is ready for a great awakening.

After enduring more than 13 months of a global pandemic that ravaged the Big Apple, New York is taking a major step toward a return to normal with mask mandates and restrictions on businesses being lifted.

Gov. Cuomo offered a celebratory pat on the back Wednesday, marking the “milestone” as a majority of the state’s COVID capacity limits are officially eased and vaccinated New Yorkers are allowed to ditch their face coverings in most circumstances.

“New York is coming back, and it’s a testament to the strength and grit of New Yorkers who banded together, stayed tough, and fought as one to defeat this COVID beast,” the governor said in a statement.

Sports:

“Eight Patriot League Men’s Lacrosse Student-Athletes Named DI All-Americans”

Patriot League, May 19

<https://patriotleague.org/news/2021/5/19/eight-patriot-league-mens-lacrosse-student-athletes-named-di-all-americans-5-19-21.aspx>

Eight Patriot League men's lacrosse student-athletes were selected to the 2021 Men's Division I Media All-America Teams when they were announced by Inside Lacrosse.

Lehigh led the way with three student-athletes on the teams, including faceoff-specialist Mike Sisselberger on the first team and defender Anthony Tangredi and goalkeeper James Spencer earning an honorable mention nod. Army West Point and Loyola Maryland followed with two apiece, while Navy placed one on the honorable mention list.

“With Gatorade award in tow, Suffern's Clevmer Lubin is Rockland and state's best”

Journal News, May 20, Josh Thomson

<https://www.lohud.com/story/sports/high-school/varsity-insider/2021/05/20/gatorade-award-winner-clevmer-lubin-suffern-rocklands-best/5077638001/>

SUFFERN - Whenever Bill Delaney starts talking about Clevmer Lubin — pronounced "Clev-mah" in his ripped-from-the-Fenway-bleachers accent — the Suffern coach never focuses much on his star's strength or speed. It's always about Lubin's other gifts, like the work ethic, the determination and the leadership skills.

"That's why he's going to West Point," Delaney will say, usually right after referring to Lubin, proudly, as "an alpha."

But what Lubin will leave behind will be more tangible, especially after a season to remember that lifted Suffern to unseen heights.

In the span of just five weeks, Lubin's force-of-nature turn took the Mounties to the top of Section 1 for the first time since they arrived four decades ago from Section 9. They finished on a five-game winning streak, beat New Rochelle and three other winning teams, then finished by beating North Rockland.

Alumni:

“Elizabeth Evans, E2 Roofing and E2 Homes: A fascination with building”

Daily Record, May 19

<https://www.jaxdailyrecord.com/article/elizabeth-evans-e2-roofing-and-e2-homes-a-fascination-with-building>

West Point graduate and Florida National Guard Col. Elizabeth Evans launched a company to help people rebuild after Hurricane Irma.

Building a business or a house is a lot like planning and then carrying out a military mission.

That's the philosophy of Elizabeth Evans, founder of E2 Roofing and E2 Homes.

“There are a lot of parallels. The military is all about planning. It teaches you about goals and objectives and large-scale operations,” said Evans, a U.S. Military Academy West Point graduate who is a colonel in the Florida Army National Guard.

“Lyrical leadership: Kevin Young, a poet, is now running the African American Museum”

Washington Post, May 20, Peggy McGlone

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/kevin-young-african-american-museum-director/2021/05/19/ca925a04-b754-11eb-96b9-e949d5397de9_story.html

If you were dreaming up the perfect résumé for the director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, you probably couldn't improve on the one Kevin Young has built over the past two decades. After stints as a professor, curator and archivist, Young spent the past four years as director of one of the nation's oldest Black cultural institutions, whose rich history informed the Washington museum affectionately known as the Blacksonian.

But Young is also an accomplished poet and writer — a fact that may seem disconnected from his museum work but that intrigued Lonnie G. Bunch III, the founding director of the African American Museum, who left that job in 2019 to become secretary of the Smithsonian.

"The museum is driven by words, so who better than a poet to lead it?" Bunch said of his handpicked successor. "That excited me."

"I'm the new director here. Where are y'all from?" he said as he approached Daniel Perez, who stood with family members on the museum's front plaza. Perez told Young they came from Texas to see the display of his daughter, Lt. Emily Jazmin Tatum Perez, a 2005 U.S. Military Academy graduate who is included in the museum's military exhibit because she was the first Black female officer in U.S. history to die in combat. Young asked about Perez and then talked about Texas and Louisiana, where his family is from, until it was time for them to go inside. "Welcome," he said as they moved on. "It's so good to see you."

Other:

"Carry The Load: Retired Dallas firefighter walks in honor of those who died in the line of duty"

WFAA, May 19

<https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/carry-the-load-retired-dallas-firefighter-david-lindsey-walks-for-those-who-died-in-the-line-of-duty/287-413ebabc-5cc0-4aae-a319-c3cc64a882fe>

DALLAS — David Lindsey and his team have walked more than 170 miles with Carry The Load. They started at West Point in New York more than two weeks ago, and made it to Georgia National Cemetery on Wednesday.

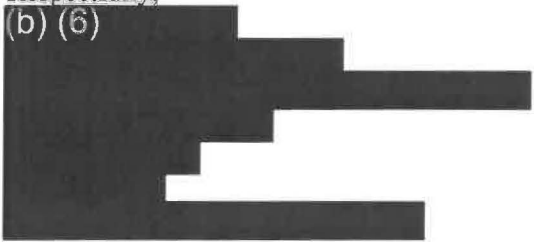
On May 30, they will make their way back to Dallas at Reverchon Park.

Lindsey is a retired firefighter with the City of Dallas. He spent more than 38 years with the department. To this day, he helps firefighters from across Texas file worker's compensation claims for occupational cancer.

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Today's Graduation Parade live stream at 1100:

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Graduation Ceremony live stream Saturday at 1000:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Ph63j3NMLK0> (West Point You Tube Channel)

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DOD:

21 MAY: Acting Secretary John Whitley, CSA GEN James McConville and SMA Michael Grinston will attend the White House Medal of Honor award ceremony honoring retired COL Ralph Puckett Jr.

21 MAY: Mr. Christopher Lowman, senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will conduct a #TheUnderIsListening social media engagement.

21 May: LTG Daniel L. Karbler, CG of SMDC, will speak at the CSIS Missile Defense Project, focusing upon the role of integrated air and missile defense for strategic deterrence.

21 MAY: MG Rasch, PEO M&S, and BG Brian Gibson, director of the Air and Missile Defense CFT, will conduct a media roundtable for an Indirect Fire Protection Capability update.

22 MAY: Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin will deliver keynote remarks at the USMA Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony at West Point. Acting Secretary John Whitley and CSA GEN James McConville will also attend.

22 MAY: Mr. Christopher Lowman, senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army, will deliver remarks at the University of Maryland Army ROTC commissioning ceremony at Fort Meade.

Leading News:

“‘Really cool’: Jon Rhattigan, from Seahawks rookie camp to West Point graduation—and back”

The News Tribune, May 20, Gregg Bell

[West Point graduate Jon Rhattigan getting Seahawks chance | Tacoma News Tribune](#)

Last weekend, Jon Rhattigan was walking into the huddle leading the Seahawks' defense in Renton.

This week, he's been walking through the depths of Seattle's playbook, learning with All-Pro Bobby Wagner.

This weekend, Rhattigan is walking in his graduation ceremony at the United States Military Academy back in West Point, New York.

Now that's a strong week for a 22-year old.

For an any-year old.

"It's really a special opportunity in, really, another form of professional leadership," the rookie linebacker from Army and product of one of the world's top leadership development programs said in a telephone interview with The News Tribune this week.

The Seahawks signed the middle linebacker from Army's Commander-In-Chief's-Trophy-winning team last month, immediately after the NFL draft. Seahawks linebackers coach John Glenn and Rhattigan had talked numerous times before the draft about the possibility of signing with Seattle.

"Look, man, if it comes to free agency (and you don't get drafted), just know we are ready to sign you," Glenn told Rhattigan last month.

"Biden to award Korean War vet Medal of Honor 70 years after heroic actions"

ABC News, May 21, Molly Nagle

Biden to award Korean War vet Medal of Honor 70 years after heroic actions

On Nov. 25, 1950, then-1st Lt. Ralph Puckett Jr. drew enemy fire and exposed himself multiple times to danger to allow his Rangers to find and destroy enemy positions during a multi-wave attack that would leave him gravely injured and nearly cost him his right foot.

Now, more than 70 years later, President Joe Biden will award Puckett the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry during the Korean War" -- the first time Biden will bestow the honor as president.

Puckett was also inducted to the Army Rangers Hall of Fame in 1992 and was named a 2004 Distinguished Graduate of the United States Military Academy West Point.

"Col. Ralph Puckett: 'While we have many enemies of this country today who want to see us fall, there's no greater enemy than ourselves'"

WRBL-CBS, May 20

Col. Ralph Puckett: 'While we have many enemies of this country today who want to see us fall, there's no greater enemy than ourselves'

A day before he was to receive the nation's highest military honor, retired Army Col. Ralph Puckett used the intense spotlight to call for national unity. When President Joe Biden puts the Medal of Honor around Puckett's neck Friday afternoon at the White House, the Korean and Vietnam War veteran will become one of the most decorated soldiers in the nation's history.

Senior Leaders:

“Space Force’s First Battle Is With the US Army”

Defense One, May 20, Tara Copp

Space Force’s First Battle Is With the US Army

The fight for control of space is brewing — not the competition with China, but between the Space Force and the Army.

Over the last several months, Space Force officials have been negotiating with their Army and Navy counterparts over what missions and personnel will transfer into the newest branch, which is part of the Department of the Air Force.

To date, no agreements have been signed on what satellites or units will transfer over, though handshake deals and draft plans indicate that some progress is being made.

On the Navy’s end, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Gilday announced in April that the service would transfer 13 satellites, including its five Mobile User Objective System comsats — not to Space Force, but to U.S. Space Command, a combatant command, which would allow the Navy to retain a role in their operation.

On personnel transfers, Gilday said he and Chief of Space Operations Gen. Jay Raymond had agreed “on a handshake” but the service is still working on those details.

“All of the services need to help grow the Space Force,” Gilday said. “There’s always a little bit of friction, but I just haven’t experienced much, as a service chief, with respect to that transformation.”

“SOCOM Leaders Say ‘Digital Spectrum’ Key To Next Fight”

Breaking Defense, May 20, Paul McLeary

SOCOM Leaders Say ‘Digital Spectrum’ Key To Next Fight « Breaking Defense

After spending the past two decades kicking in doors and hunting insurgent targets in the Middle East, special operations leaders are looking to the digital domain as the key to their future.

“The future will be won by those who dominate the full digital spectrum,” Lt. Gen. Francis Beaudette, commander of Army Special Operations Command said at the annual Special Operations force Industry Conference this week. “It will be as important as seizing and holding terrain.”

Information warfare will be a central component of any future operation, and will include “psychological operations...cyberspace, deception and electronic warfare at the tactical and operational levels,” he said.

It was a theme addressed by SOCOM commander Gen. Richard Clarke this week, who held up “infospace” as an area that will affect all other domains in any future conflict with a peer adversary. Information dominance “will impact all forces in all missions,” he said. “It is a battle in the cognitive space.”

While SOCOM’s budget is unlikely to grow much in 2022, the command has revealed plans to double its investment in cyber operations and electronic warfare in 2022, a clear sign of its priorities.

“It is in the cognitive space where we must prevail,” Clarke said.

US Army:

“Sen. Ted Cruz insulted a ‘woke, emasculated’ U.S. Army ad. Angry veterans fired back.”

The Washington Post, May 21, Katie Shepherd

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/05/21/ted-cruz-russia-army-emasculated/>

The first half of the TikTok video shows a muscular Russian man with a shaved head doing push-ups, jumping out of a plane, and staring down the scope of a rifle. The second half shows a brightly animated U.S. Army ad telling the true story of Cpl. Emma Malonelord, a soldier who enlisted after being raised by two mothers in California and graduating at the top of her high school class.

The U.S. Army said its ad showcases the “the deeply emotional and diverse” backgrounds of its soldiers. But to Sen. Ted Cruz, who retweeted the TikTok on Thursday, the contrast with Russia’s campaign instead made American soldiers “into pansies.”

“Holy crap,” Cruz said in his viral tweet. “Perhaps a woke, emasculated military is not the best idea ...”

His jab did not sit well with critics, including many former service members, veterans groups and Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), who is a retired Army National Guard lieutenant colonel

“The Army disabled comments on new recruiting commercials amid criticism it’s too ‘woke’”

Task and Purpose, May 20, Haley Britzky

[Army disables comments on new commercials amid criticism it's too 'woke'](#)

The Army has disabled comments on a series of new recruiting commercials meant to reach potential recruits from all backgrounds after being bombarded by criticism that the service is “woke.”

The new series called “The Calling,” posted to YouTube on May 4, showcases real soldiers and their stories in an animated format. One video features a corporal who discusses her “fairly typical childhood” in which she took ballet and played the violin, and also “marched for equality” with her two moms. She was looking for a challenge, she said, and a “way to prove my inner strength” when she decided to join the Army. Another video features a first lieutenant who immigrated to Florida from Haiti with his family as a child. He joined JROTC in school and decided he would join the Army during a touching ceremony marking the anniversary of September 11.

“I was now determined to defend this nation that I called home,” he says in the video. “To not only be a citizen, but a soldier as well.”

But just a week after the series was launched, the Army said it had to disable comments on the videos on May 12 after seeing “a significant uptick in negative commentary which ... were not aligned with Army values,” according to Laura DeFrancisco, spokeswoman for the Army Enterprise Marketing Office.

“Out of respect for our soldiers and their families, we have disabled the comments,” she said.

“Fort Stewart has a spot saved for Alwyn Cashe’s expected Medal of Honor”

Army Times, May 20, Davis Winkie

Fort Stewart has a spot saved for Alwyn Cashe’s expected Medal of Honor

Scattered around Army installations throughout the country, reddish-brown memorial signs labeling buildings tell the stories of their namesakes in distinct white text. They typically have the honoree’s highest combat decoration depicted at the top of the sign.

When you look at the top of the sign in front of the newly-renamed Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn Cashe Garden outside the 3rd Infantry Division headquarters on Fort Stewart, you quickly realize — it’s blank.

“We have intentionally left that blank,” confirmed Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, the division’s commanding general, when Army Times asked about the sign. The spot at top remains vacant for a long awaited Medal of Honor.

Cashe’s expected award loomed over the Thursday morning gathering to rename the installation’s ceremonial garden for the Iraq War hero. The event anchored the 3rd Infantry Division’s annual Marne Week, a celebration of the unit’s World War I heritage.

Cashe, whose family was attendance, died of wounds sustained in October 2005 when he pulled, one-by-one, six soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter out of his burning Bradley Fighting Vehicle near Samarra, Iraq.

Diversity & Inclusion:

“Commentary: Military Sexual Assault is a Moral Injury, Too”

War On The Rocks, May 21, Jessica Wolfendale

Military Sexual Assault Is a Moral Injury, Too -

Despite decades of “no tolerance” policies, millions of servicemembers receiving required annual training, policy reforms, and congressional scrutiny, the findings of the Fort Hood Independent Review conducted in the wake of the murder of Vanessa Guillen demonstrate that sexual assault remains an ongoing and serious problem in the military. Indeed, reports of sexual assault increased in 2020. Yet, despite the seriousness of this issue, perpetrators of sexual assault in the military are rarely held accountable. Recently, a bill proposed by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand — first brought forward nearly a decade ago, but which in the wake of the Guillen case has now won sufficient votes to pass the Senate — aims to address this problem by moving the decision to prosecute sexual assaults from the hands of military commanders to specially trained military prosecutors. That the bill only removes decisions about sexual assault prosecutions from military commanders (while the decision to prosecute other crimes remains theirs) speaks to the scale of the military’s failure to address the problem.

This bill is a vital step in the fight against military sexual assault. If it passes the Senate, not only will it potentially result in more prosecutions of sexual assault cases, but it will provide a rare public acknowledgment of how military institutional failures have contributed to the harms suffered by victims of sexual assault. To understand these failures, and the reform that is needed to address them, we should begin with the recognition that military sexual assault is a form of interpersonal and institutional moral injury. Naming military sexual assault as moral injury is a moral imperative because it demonstrates respect for sexual assault victims. Additionally, because combat-related moral injury is regarded as a significant moral harm by

many in the military, using the language of moral injury to talk about military sexual assault has the potential to shift longstanding dismissive attitudes toward sexual assault prevention policies and procedures, and to cultivate greater respect for sexual assault victims.

Admissions:

“Gulf Coast graduates look forward to military service”

WLOX, May 20, Bill Snyder

Gulf Coast graduates look forward to military service

BILOXI, Miss. (WLOX) - All branches of the United States military are always looking for a few good men and women, and they've found several in the Class of 2021 that are graduating from high school here on the Gulf Coast.

For Biloxi High's Chance Keith, graduation is the culmination of a next level senior year. Along with a 3.96 GPA, Chance was homecoming and prom king, and he's headed to West Point to play football for the United States Army.

“It's kind of feeling surreal. I'm just taking in all the blessings,” Keith said. “When I got the offer, it kind of felt right, and the benefits after college and the stuff I'll be able to do. The traveling, the high level football, and you know with Marcus going up there with me, it made it a lot easier.”

“Whitefish High School seniors preparing for next step at military academies”

Montana Sports, May 20, Alexa Belcastro

Whitefish High School seniors preparing for next step at military academies

WHITEFISH — There are so many Montana kids who are getting ready to go to college, which is already a big jump, but Whitefish High School student-athletes Cameron Kahle and Camren Ross are taking even bigger leaps as they head off to military academies.

“I'm really excited. I got to go see a tournament this spring to watch the level of competition that those guys bring, it is impressive and it excites me for the hard work that I've put in and what it is going to take to get to that next level and compete with the best so very rigorous process,” said Kahle.

While Camren Ross, who suited up for Whitefish in football and wrestling, won't be continuing playing sports at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, he knows wearing this uniform is the most important one he's ever worn.

“One of the major differences between just representing your school or your city and representing the entire country is that there are a lot more people involved and there are a lot more people watching,” Ross said. “Because when you have the American flag and you're wearing it, everybody is looking at you and they're looking at the country as a whole rather than your small town or your school itself.”

USCC:

“West Point Engineers Construct Latest Bridge At Fahnestock”

Patch.com, May 20, Dan Shalin

West Point Engineers Construct Latest Bridge At Fahnestock

COLD SPRING, NY —For a fourth straight year, civil engineering cadets from the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point have designed and constructed a bridge at Fahnestock State Park. The bridge replaced an older structure.

This year's bridge is a 15-foot-long and seven-foot-wide truss bridge with wood and cable railings, and it is located approximately 1.5 miles from Hubbard Lodge. The bridge crosses a tributary of the Clove Creek and has a five-ton carrying capacity. It is suitable for walkers, hikers, runners and equestrian.

The annual project is done in conjunction with the Open Space Institute (OSI) and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).

The effort is part of a capstone project for cadets studying engineering. The students designed the bridge, prefabricated and tested several structural components of the bridge at West Point and then transported the materials to Fahnestock State Park, where the bridge was installed. The bridge's support girders also were assembled on site.

COVID:

“US military sees 55% jump in Covid-19 vaccinations over last month”

CNN, May 20, Oren Liebermann

[US Military sees 55% jump in Covid-19 vaccinations over last month](#)

The US military has seen a 55% jump in Covid-19 vaccinations among active-duty service members over the last month, a senior defense official told CNN. The increase comes after the Pentagon opened up vaccinations to the general population on April 19.

Of the approximately 1.4 million active duty service members, some 500,000 had received their first dose one month ago. Now, about 775,000 troops have received their first dose. The sharp increase in vaccinations was made possible as the military opened vaccinations to all service members, allowing those who weren't in the high-priority Tier 1 category to become eligible. However, it's unclear at this point if the surge in vaccinations will continue or if it will plateau.

In its efforts to promote vaccinations, the military has struggled with vaccine hesitancy in a population that is generally young, healthy and sees little incentive to accept a vaccine that is not compulsory. In late-April, the vaccine declination rate for II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune was 67%, even as the declination rate throughout the Marine Corps was 36%.

The battle against Covid-19 has been a top priority for the Biden administration and for Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who has put out multiple messages and statements emphasizing the safety and efficacy of the vaccines.

“Pentagon issues memo encouraging vaccinations throughout the military as vaccine demand declines”

Stars and Stripes, May 20, Caitlin Doornbos

[Pentagon issues memo encouraging vaccinations throughout the military as vaccine demand](#)

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Thursday issued a memo on ways to encourage and promote coronavirus vaccinations as the military wrestles with convincing service members who have not received the shots to do so.

The Defense Department is “moving into a new phase of our efforts” now that vaccine access has improved and “reaffirms support for initiatives to increase vaccination acceptance among all service members,” Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks and Air Force Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, wrote in the memo.

Since January, the challenge for the military’s medical community was vaccinating all those who wanted the shot. Now, as the vaccine has become more widely available, the issue is with demand, Army Lt. Gen. Ronald J. Place, director of the Defense Health Agency, told reporters Thursday at the Pentagon.

Sports:

“‘All in’ mindset propels pair of Buchanan wrestlers to West Point, Naval Academy”

The Sun, May 21, Daniel Gligich

‘All in’ mindset propels pair of Buchanan wrestlers to West Point, Naval Academy

Two Buchanan High School wrestlers are set to join opposing forces at the collegiate level but ultimately remain on the same team: the U.S. military.

Raymond Lopez and George Ruiz – two of Clovis Unified School District’s four military academy commits – will be attending and competing for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, respectively.

While Lopez had uncles and older cousins serve in the Army and Marines, he will be the first in his family to attend West Point.

“Just the history,” Lopez said when asked about what drew him to West Point. “Everything as far as athletics as well, wrestling, the amount of opportunity that it has to offer to me. I think the most is setting myself apart from others. It’s a very tough school.”

Lopez said he always knew it was an honor to serve in the military and thought it was something that he would like to do, but it became a reality in his junior year at Buchanan when he started connecting with the coaches at West Point.

“Chenango Forks football player signs National Letter of Intent to West Point Military Academy”

WBNG12 News, May 20

Chenango Forks football player signs National Letter of Intent to West Point Military Academy

A local standout Chenango Forks football player signed his National Letter of Intent Thursday.

Chenango Forks' Lucas Scott announced he's headed to West Point Military Academy to play

football for the Army Black Knights.

Scott is the first Section IV football player to attend West Point since Maine-Endwell's Darnell Woolfolk, who graduated from the academy a little over two years ago.

Scott says that while he's excited about playing football with the Black Knights, he's also happy about the prestige held by the academy.

"I just think the way it carves my future out, you know, the options I'll have after. It's not just all about athletics," Scott said. "My parents have always stressed school. And I feel like having West Point on my resume will be better than any other option I did have. So that was a really big decision."

Scott also excelled in wrestling during his time at Chenango Forks.

Other:

"Air Force extends Athletic Director Nathan Pine's contract through 2026"

Go Air Force Falcons, May 20

Air Force extends Athletic Director Nathan Pine's contract through 2026

Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Richard Clark and Air Force Academy Athletic Corporation (AFAAC) Chairman of the Board Brig. Gen. Harvey Schiller, USAF Ret., Ph.D. announced today that Director of Athletics Nathan Pine has agreed to a contract extension through 2026.

"Nate's leadership was instrumental in helping keep cadet-athletes safe while guiding Air Force Academy athletics through an unprecedented pandemic," said Lt. Gen. Richard Clark, Air Force Academy Superintendent. "I'm extremely proud and thankful that Nate will continue to dynamically lead our cadet-athletes and our program for many years to come."

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Respectfully,

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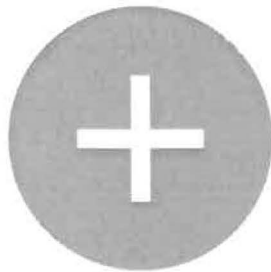
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Go Army!

Education and Work Inequality

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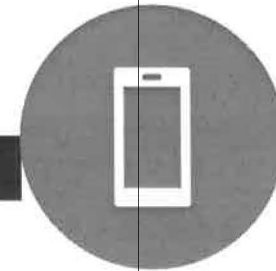
Agenda



RULES FOR THE
EXERCISE (BONUS
POINTS?!?!?!?)



REACTIONS TO
THE READINGS



APPLICATION

The University of (b) (6)

- Distinguished Graduates: (b) (6)
- World Class Instructors, Access to our Prestigious Alumni network , no drink limit at on campus bars.
- If you graduate from here, you will be offered a job at (b) (6) Inc.
 - Starting Salary: Full Participation Points for the semester and a bonus point for every time you speak.
- All you must do to get in is be one of the top five participants in today's class.

Chapter 34

- "Such groups may be expected to acquiesce to the expectation that they "become Americans" as quickly as possible"
 - How does School act as primary agent for this transformation?
- What are some of the institutional challenges Latinos faced in the LA school systems?
 - What issues does this highlight about the larger education system?
- What is educational sovereignty?
 - How does it relate to CRT?

Well That Culture Really Values Education

- "Go into any inner-city [REDACTED] John U. Ogbu's argument? neighborhood, and folks will tell you that government alone can't teach kids to learn...Children can't achieve unless we raise their expectations and...eradicate the slander that says a Black youth with a book is acting White" - President Barrack Obama
- What is the issue with the cultural argument? [REDACTED]
- What Role did History and Structure play in education inequality?

Conundrums of Integration

- What is the difference between desegregation versus integration?
 - How would you apply a tenant of CRT to this idea?
- "While we are treating institutional and everyday dynamics as distinct in practice they overlap and intersect."
- What issues both academic and nonacademic are created by tracking systems in school?
 - What are potential solutions to these issues?

Thoughts for the Road

- How has the Covid-19 Pandemic promoted the already existing disparities in education?
- Growing up, was your school desegregated, integrated, or neither?
- Where does West Point fall short?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FaHesNwcxw>



Workplace Biases Chapter 37

African Americans (AA) vs. White Americans

“Race and
the Invisible
Hand”
How White
Networks
Exclude
Black Men
from Blue-
Collar Jobs

- African American sociologist William Julius Wilson, believed that the idea of racial divide in the workplace was diminishing. (Post Civil War)
 - Some research supports pieces of his claims (the emerging black middle class)
- What would CRT say to Wilson’s optimistic view of this diminishing racial divide?
- “Who You Know” vs. “What You Know”
 - Unqualified white Americans are more likely to obtain a job, regardless of skill set and background simply because of who they know.
- What can we do to close the divide?

Affirmative Action

“a collection of policies that are designed to promote equal employment opportunities for women and racial minorities and to fight institutional racism in the economic sphere.”

- **Meritocracy:** the belief that opportunities and rewards are distributed according to effort and ability?
- What do you all know about Affirmative Action?
- Do you think Affirmative Action creates an environment for “reverse discrimination?” Use CRT to support your answer

Economic Inequality and the Role of the State

- Income vs. Wealth
- 2010: Blacks = 62% of white income / Latinos = 68% of white income
 - Post-2008 economic recessions have seen a decline in minority gains.
- Most significant economic inequality factor is the racial wealth gap.
 - Why do you all think the racial wealth gap is the biggest factor?
 - Why do Asians have a smaller racial wealth gap then AA and Latinos?

Questions??



Lesson 14:

Barbershop and Du Bois

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Discussant Plan

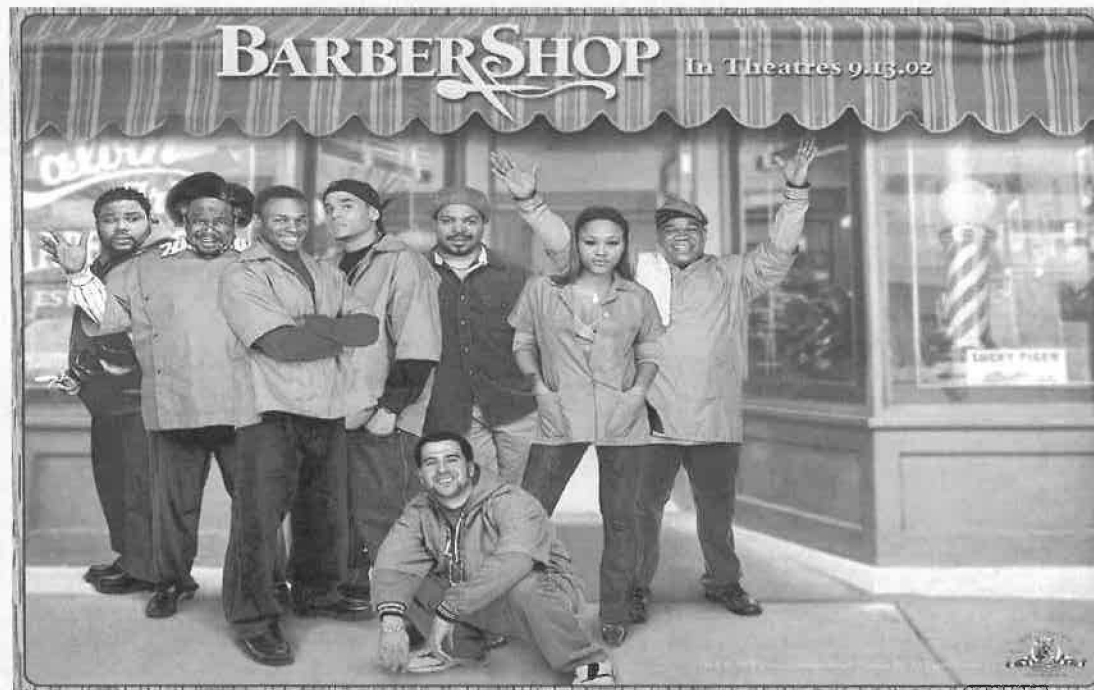
- Barbershop Summary
- Review of last lesson
- Du Bois application to the movie
- Du Bois application to today's society
- What would Du Bois think of the movie?



Barbershop Summary

- Several days in the lives of the members of a south side Chicago barbershop
- Owner, Calvin Palmer, is experiencing money troubles and is tired of living in “the struggle”
 - Makes deal with Mr. Wallace in exchange for his barbershop
- JD and Billy steal an ATM with Ricky’s truck
- Terry experiences problems with her ain’t sh*t man
 - Dinka has crush on Terry and tries to express it to her
- Entire movie, the Barbershop maintains the idea of a stereotypical black barbershop
- Calvin later approaches Mr. Wallace to get his shop back and give back money
- Ricky gets arrested, but is bailed out and acquitted with Calvin’s help
 - JD and Billy along with Mr. Wallace are arrested
- Calvin gets \$50,000 reward for turning in ATM to corner-store man
 - Maintains and upgrades shop and remains in the south side of Chicago

Thoughts???



W.E.B. Du Bois/Sociology of Race Review

- William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, 1868-1963
- Trained/studied as a black sociologist at Harvard, a pioneer in Black sociology
- Founder and member of the NAACP
- Led the black sociology movement in the United States
- Racial Inequality, Slavery, Black Culture and, Race and Class



Whiteness

In order to understand racial inequality and slavery, it is first necessary to address whiteness

- “White people and people of color live racially different structured lives”- Frankenberg
- 1) Is a location of structural advantage, of race privilege.
- 2) A standpoint or place from which white people look at themselves and the rest of society
- 3) Refers to a set of cultural practices that are usually unmarked and unnamed

Take-for-grantedness of whiteness

- Privilege lives within this



Slavery

Racial inequality carries a symbolic and emotional burden

Slavery is one of the most extreme forms of the relation of dominance

- Complete power by the slave owner and complete powerlessness by the slave

Slavery remains the epicenter of the intertwining of history, economics, and culture in the modern world

Slaves were denied ties to family, friends, and cultural ancestry

- Slavery produces an alienated consciousness in blacks

Creates an alienated consciousness within blacks



The Veil and Double Consciousness

The veil: describes the separation between blacks and whites

- Not of a wall but a thin mesh like material where each race can see the other

Veil describes “physical barriers” where double consciousness describes the social psychological consequences of the veil

Double Consciousness: feeling that a black person has of being split in two, of having two forms of self-consciousness

- Feeling of being split in two creating confusion and great tension

“This double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one’s self through the eyes of others, of measuring one’s soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity”

“Two warring ideals in one dark body”

Racial and Social Inequality

- Abuse of power creating an institutionalized system that continuously oppresses those not at the top of the “racial pyramid”
- The legal emancipation of slaves did not ensure their economic and social emancipation
 - Led to economic and political enslavement

DuBois, much like Marx, believed that capitalism exploited those at the bottom (the black communities in America)

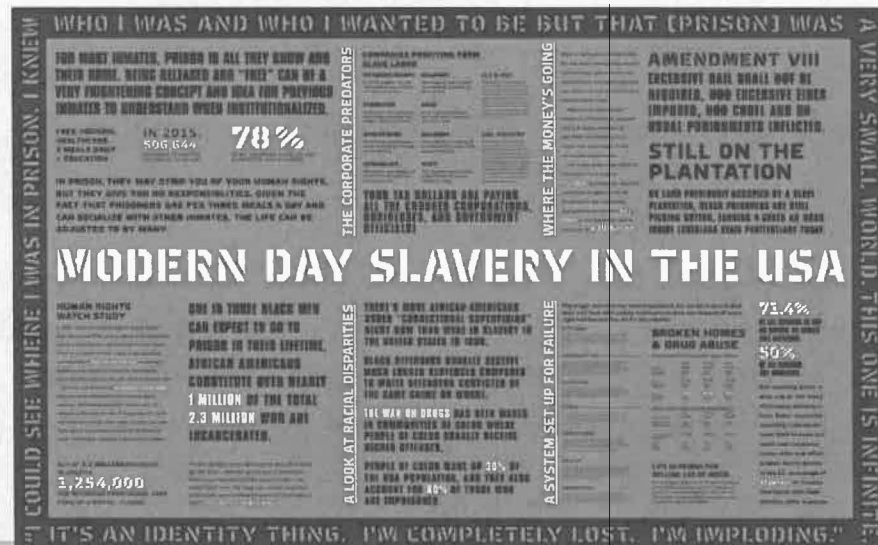
By the Numbers

Blacks are less likely than whites to:

- Have a college education
- Receive recommended medical screening tests
- Receive bank approval for a housing mortgage
- Own their own homes
- Receive a job promotion

Blacks are more likely than whites to:

- Live below the poverty line
- Be victims of homicide (6:1)
- Be incarcerated (8:1)



Critical Race Theory

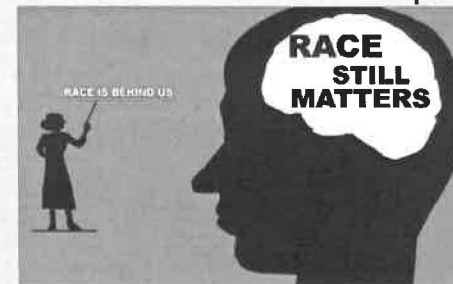
Racialism: an approach to race that upholds that there are distinct races with unique defining features

- Differences are found in cultural, spiritual, psychic, and intellectual forms

CRT: argues that racism is not simply individual prejudice and a lack of education/experience

- Assumes that race is a social construct
- Emphasizes the importance of the perspectives and experiences of racial minorities

Grows out of the field of law and studies the way that racism is built into and reproduced through the institutions that organize everyday life



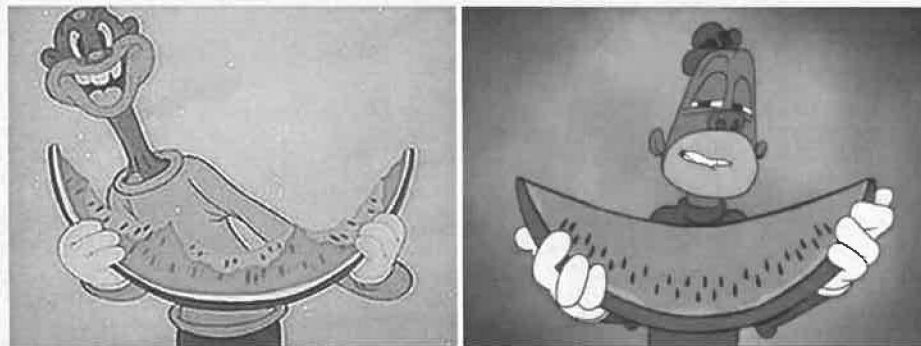
What would W.E.B. Du Bois think of Barbershop?

In his time white people portrayed all blacks as lazy, backward, and ignorant

- Much like Jay-Z's caricatures in his *The Story of O.J.* music video

Ice Cube allows black people to be portrayed by black people showing a different perspective of what it is to be black

"We are seriously crippling Negro literature by refusing to contemplate any but handsome heroes, unblemished heroines, and flawless defenders..."



Final Questions and Comments?





The U.S. Constitution is at the Forefront of West Point's Curriculum

- All cadets are required to take Constitutional Law, a semester-long course which includes several lessons on the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause (no person shall be denied "equal protection of the laws").
- All cadets are required to take American Politics, a semester-long course which focuses on the best role for the military officer in service of the Constitution and Nation.
- All cadets take an oath to the Constitution on 3 occasions: Reception Day, Affirmation Day, and Graduation Day.

Familiarizing Cadets with Difficult Topics Helps Them Lead More Effectively

- Regardless of personal views, future leaders need to understand arguments on controversial issues and need to be prepared to thoughtfully answer questions when Soldiers ask about topics in the news, such as Critical Race Theory (CRT).
 - Both CRT and criticisms of it as a theory comprise two lessons in one Social Sciences elective (non-core) course.
- Debated topics (e.g. controversial Supreme Court decisions, communism, radicalization) are often discussed in the classroom. These discussions are respectful of cadet opinions and foster a deeper understanding of current issues, the ability to engage in such discussion often results in tremendous personal and intellectual growth for cadets.

Cadets Develop Essential Discernment Skills by Participating in Challenging Classroom Discussions

- The ability to compete on the modern battlefield requires quick and thoughtful analysis of complex problems.

West Point Leadership Emphasizes Professionalism in Teaching While Also Preserving the Fundamental Tenet of Academic Freedom for Its Faculty Members

- As an institution of higher education, West Point is dedicated to the freedoms in teaching (faculty) and learning (cadets), consistent with both the aims of the Academy and the values of the Nation.
 - The Superintendent and Dean are leading meaningful discussions amongst the faculty to ensure the classroom remains a free marketplace of ideas, with a particular focus on teaching cadets *how* to think as opposed to *what* to think.

Policy Memo Group 1

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Diversity

Our definition: the practice of including people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations in order to build the most cohesive and lethal teams.



Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action: The Military

- **The EO program**

- The Army's Equal Opportunity (EO) program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential to ensure fair treatment for military personnel, family members and civilians without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, disability or national origin.
- The Army EO program enhances Department personnel's ability to work effectively as a team, show respect for self and others and reinforces good discipline, the Army values, professional behavior and readiness. To ensure this, the Army:
 - (1) Provides annual training classes and materials to all personnel and refresher training as needed
 - (2) Established EO training for units and professional military education courses consistent with Headquarters, Department of the Army policy and command needs
 - (3) Ensures that all Equal Opportunity Advisors and Representatives are trained and deployable to support units
 - (4) Established and maintains its own EO/ Sexual Harassment Assistance hotline number 1-800-267-9964
 - (5) Continues to take the appropriate actions when relative DA/DOD policies are violated
 - (6) Conducts regular Department-level assessment and evaluation of the program

- **Pros?**

- **Most Integrated institution in the government and society at large, trust exists between racial groups, commander's ability to prosecute, retrain**

Affirmative Action

- Recruitment
- Service Academy, Officer recruitment

Cons: Tokenism

- Defined as anything less than 15% of a social group with no hierarchical reach
 - 1) Tokens are highly visible and under higher performance pressure. They have to work harder for recognition and find themselves more scrutinized for mistakes;
 - (2) Tokens become informally isolated when dominants contrast group differences and heighten cultural boundaries. This excludes them from valuable mentoring and social opportunities;
 - (3) Tokens assimilate by conforming to roles and stereotypes assigned to them. They then suffer role encapsulation that limits growth opportunities when stereotypes of the underrepresented group are disparate from professional expectations of the role.
- As a result, minorities leave at high rates
- Cyclical process of no underrepresented leadership -> no one stays

Importance:

- Bring in new ideas
- Strengthen unit cohesion
- Increase participation
- Manifest acceptance and trust
- Best people in the right job

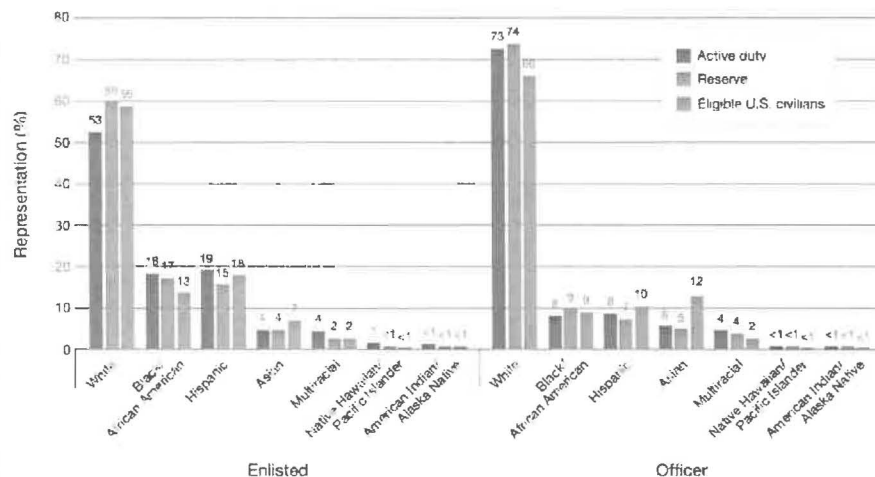
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Barriers to minorities from advancing in the military

- On average, Black American officers were likely to be promoted and retained through O-4 at rates equal to or greater than White counterparts, but were less likely to be promoted and retained through O-6
- Women make up about 16% of the total women force, with only 6 total that have been promoted to 4-star flag officers
- 60% of army recruits come from military families, and 50% of enlisted soldiers come from just 10% of the nation's high schools
- Many reports have found an absence of overt racism in the military, as well as blatant sexist comments, however the prevalence of subtler forms of discrimination are still present throughout the military

Current Racial and Ethnic Representation in the Military

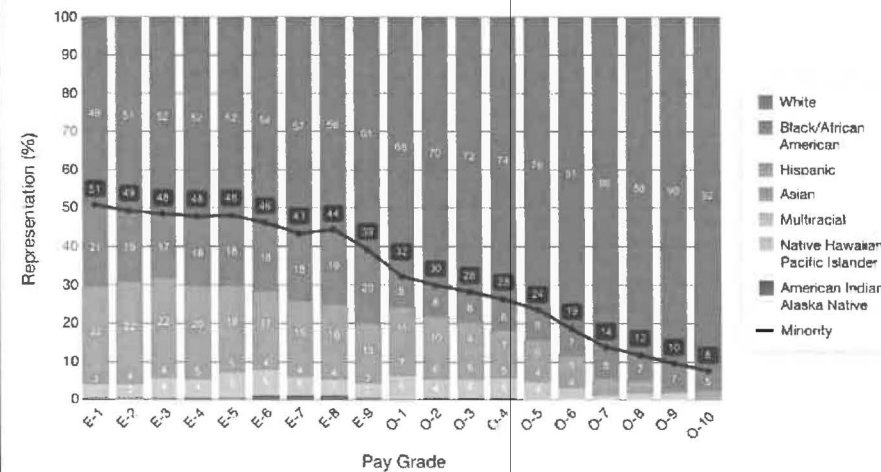
Figure 2. Racial and Ethnic Representation of Active and Reserve Component Enlisted and Officer Personnel Compared with Eligible U.S. Civilians



SOURCE: DMDC, undated (2020 data); U.S. Census Bureau, 2018, 5-year estimates.

NOTE: The eligible enlisted U.S. population includes civilians ages 17-44 with at least a high school diploma, GED certificate, or equivalent; the eligible officer U.S. population includes civilians ages 19-44 with at least a bachelor's degree.

Figure 3. Racial and Ethnic Representation of Active Component Enlisted and Officer Personnel, by Pay Grade, 2020



SOURCE: DMDC, undated (2020 data).

How to eliminate these barriers

Absolute commitment to nondiscrimination
in the military

Increase the pool of qualified ROTC
enrollment and commissioning through the
sponsoring of programs at Minority Serving
Institutions (MSI)

Updating policies and giving incentives to
retain women in their army career after
having children

SHARP and the Military

Sexual Harassment in the Military

Military Service Gender Relations Focus Groups Overview Report:

- “Participants said SAPR/SHARP trainings are redundant and unengaging and are typically performed by way of PowerPoint or an instructor who lacks expertise in the subject area,” (OPA, 9).
- “Focus group participants noted that unit cohesion and camaraderie at OCONUS installations are much higher than in their CONUS posts,” (OPA, 10).
- “The 2018 WGRA found that most Service members (70% of men, 77% of women) who witnessed inappropriate behavior in the last year intervened either during or after the event,” (OPA, 94).
- “Other participants shared positive training experiences in which presenters and/or commanders set up picnics or movie nights to create an engaging environment for conversation and morale building,” (OPA, 99).

Sexual Assault: 2019 Fiscal Report

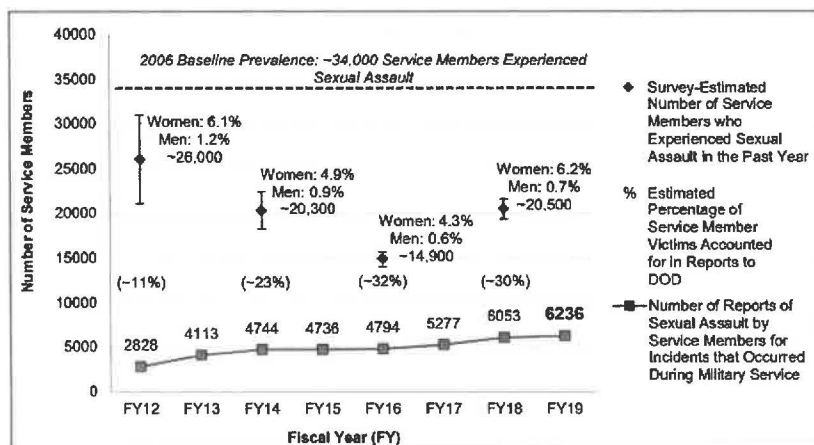


Exhibit 1. Active Duty Estimated Biennial Prevalence Compared to Annual Reporting of Sexual Assault

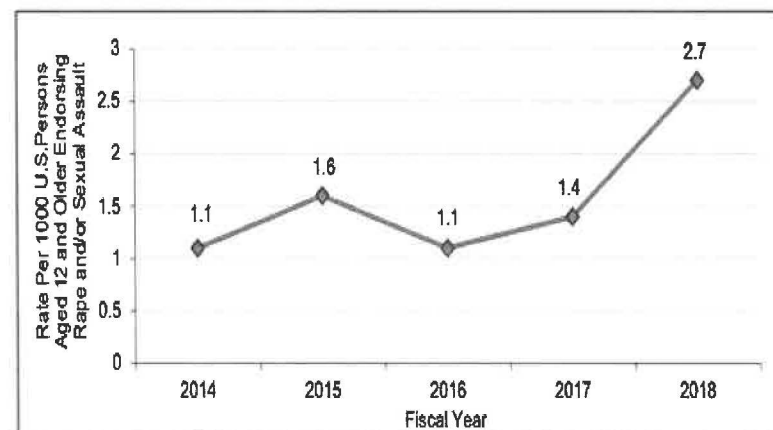


Exhibit 3. Rape or Sexual Assault Victimization Rate Per 1000 U.S. Persons Aged 12 and Over

Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Jurisdiction

- “Over a decade or more we have tried different approaches to limiting sexual assault, sexual harassment and also retaliation, and we haven’t seen the progress that we hoped,” Senator Jack Reed
- “Advocacy groups and several congressional Democrats have pushed for the move for years, arguing that military commanders are inclined to overlook accusations of sexual misconduct in favor of keeping personnel in place,” (Shane III).
- “I think over the last few years, the Navy’s taken a big step toward sexual assault prevention,” a male senior enlisted sailor told a focus group. “And it’s every time you turn around, we’re having to do some type of All Hands Call, face-to-face trainings. They do SAPR Awareness months, and while it may not be 100-percent effective, I think the effort that they are putting into it, and the amount of time, money, and training I think they’re pushing it as hard as they can.”
- “Military leaders have strongly objected to the idea, saying it would upend the current chain of command and remove the responsibility of addressing the issue from unit leaders,” (Shane III).

SHARP Memo Recommendations

- **Recommendation 1: Implement Value Ethics Training Education for O6's.**

Military Departments will add education for promotable O6's on value ethics training methods. Training focuses on teaching the why behind ethical behavior in the military, rather than focusing on ensuring the force complies to the Military's ethic. Furthermore, candidates will undergo training sessions focused on identifying sub-conscious biases the leaders may possess without their knowledge.

- **Recommendation 2: Develop and Publish integration of SHARP Training into Unit Cohesion Building Events.**

To create a more engaging training program and to inculcate a culture which stands for dignity and respect, Military Departments will provide guidance to units on their expectation of incorporating SHARP training into Unit Activities in an engaging manner.

- **Recommendation 3: Data Driven Sensing.**

Military Departments will provide a plan as to how they will increase awareness for the CATCH Program. Along with increasing awareness, military units will provide a plan to counter harmful misconceptions about how the CATCH Program works.

Critical Race Theory and Policy

- Critical Race Theory:
 - Racism is ordinary
 - Race is socially constructed
 - White Americans have primarily benefited from civil rights legislation
 - Interest Convergence
 - Storytelling and counter story telling
- Policy Critiques:
 - Nondiscrimination policy
 - Implementation of Value Ethics training for leaders
 - Increase sponsoring programs at Minority Serving Institutions

Radical Cultural Feminism and Policy

Radical Cultural Feminism

- Belief in an inherent divide between females and males.
- Desire to create Matriarchy.
- Increased importance on “feminine” qualities.

Policy Critiques

- Place an importance on rhetorical devices used to perpetuates the existence of a patriarchy.
- Must dismantle female barriers to Combat Arms because high ranking military leaders traditionally come from the Combat Arms branches.
- Benefits for women to stay in the military post childbirth.

Queer Theory and Policy

- Queer Theory:
 - Heterosexuality is the basis for sexual formations
 - Queer theory is multidisciplinary
 - Gay and lesbian issues get combined into one category when they are not the same
- Policy Critique:
 - Antidiscrimination enforcement

Sources:

- <https://ncgwg.org/supporting-diversity-and-inclusion-in-the-military/>
- [https://www.army.mil/article/221173/office of equity and inclusion formed to streamline efforts](https://www.army.mil/article/221173/office_of_equity_and_inclusion_formed_to_streamline_efforts)